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OF THE

STATE CONVENTION

OF THE

BAPTIST DENOMINATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA,

HELD WITH THE

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GAFFNEY, S. C.,

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NEXT MEETING.

Place—Newberry. *Time*—Friday before the second Sunday in December, 1900, at 7.30 P. M. *Preacher*—W. C. Lindsay or W. B. Oliver.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—R. N. Pratt, A. C. Wilkins, C. M. Billings, A. C. Coggeshall, W. H. Lyles.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—M. W. Gordon, L. C. Hinton, J. E. McManaway, Simeon Hyde, J S. McLemore.

HOME MISSIONS—E. A. McDowell, O. J. Peterson, B. Rutledge, M. L. Donaldson, R. G. Kendrick.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. I. Allen, J. H. Yarborough, T. P. Lide, F. P. Covington, D. A. Williams.

EDUCATION—W. B. Oliver, C. J. Owens, W. M. Pinson, C. A. Jones, M. W. Rankin.

TEMPERANCE—A. C. Wilkins, N. N. Burton, E. C. Ridgell, J. S. M. Finch, J. R. Aiken.

OBITUARIES—A. J. S. Thomas, Chairman; A. T. Jones, M. A. Connors, S. R. Bass, B. K. Truluck, R. E. Peele, J. J. Waters, G. W. Gardner, J. F. McMillan, W. G. Britton, D. W. Hiott, J. F. Allen, R. S. Williams, L. F. Dorn, W. A. Pearson, L. T. Carroll, J. D. Bailey, H. C. Buchholz, R. J. Williams, Jabez Ferris, J. F. Freeman, W. S. B. Ford, H. L. Baggott, W. D. Moorer, W. E. G. Humphries, G. F. Stanley, J. H. Sanford, B. F Corley, J. H. Hudson, F. R. McClanahan, D. J. Knotts, G. W. Dalton, C. E. Robinson, T. M. Lundy, A. P. McNeill, B. Rutledge.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

GAFFNEY, S. C., NOVEMBER 29, 1899.

The seventy-ninth annual session of the State Convention of Baptists in South Carolina, met with the First Baptist church of Gaffney at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, November 29, 1899, and was called to order by President W. D. Rice.

After religious exercises, the Convention sermon was preached by H. C. Buchholz. Subject: The mind that was in Christ Jesus. Text: Phil. 2:5-8.

On motion of J. W. Shelor, the Secretary cast the ballot of the Convention for W. D. Rice for President.

On motion of A. J. S. Thomas, J. E. Brunson was nominated for first Vice President, and on motion of C. C. Brown, A. H. Patterson was nominated for second Vice President. L. C. Ezell moved that nominations be closed, and that the Secretary cast the ballot of the body for the brethren nominated, and it was so done.

On motion of J. W. Shelor W. J. Langston cast the ballot of the body for C. P. Ervin for Secretary and A. T. Jamison for Assistant Secretary.

On motion of T. M. Bailey, J. D. Huggins cast the ballot of the body for Zimmerman Davis for Treasurer.

An address of welcome on behalf of the people of Gaffney was made by H. P. Griffith, and a response on behalf of the Convention was made by W. B. Oliver.

Permission was granted D. H. Crosland to thank the body that at its last session it had remembered him in prayer during his illness.

On motion of B. P. Robertson, the following Committee on Order of Business was named by the Chair: J. B. Parrott, W. J. Langston, R. W. Sanders, G. W. Bussey, W. T. Tate.

On motion of C. C. Brown, it was ordered that at 12 o'clock Thursday, fifteen minutes be given to thanksgiving exercises, to be followed by a collection for the Orphanage.

On motion of F. P. Covington, it was decided that the Convention reassemble at 9.30 A. M. on Thursday.

On motion of D. M. Ramsey, Thursday evening was set apart for the consideration of the interests of Furman University and Greenville Female College.

The Convention adjourned on motion of N. N. Burton, after prayer by D. W. Hiott.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 9.30 o'clock, and devotional exercises were conducted by W. A. Pearson.

The Minutes of Wednesday evening session were read and approved.

A partial report of the Committee on Order of Business was submitted by J. B. Parrott, and adopted as follows :

THURSDAY MORNING.

10.00—Reading board reports.
12.00—Thanksgiving service.
12.15—American Baptist Publication Society.
12.35—Miscellaneous.

THURSDAY EVENING.

7 30—Furman University and Greenville Female College.

The Report of the Board of Aged Ministers' Relief was read by C. C. Brown, and on motion of T. M. Bailey, it was ordered to be referred to a committee of five.

The Report of the Executive Board was read by T. M. Bailey, and on motion of G. W. Gardner, was ordered to be referred to the usual committee.

The Chair named the Committee on Report of Board of Aged Ministers' Relief as follows : J. D. Huggins, W. E. Thayer, M. W. Gordon, Rufus Ford, D. H. Crosland.

And on Report of Executive Board as follows: D. W. Key, A. J. S. Thomas, G. A. Wright, J. A. Brown, C. L. Dowell.

The Report of Board of Ministerial Education was read by W. W. Keys, and on motion of J. A. Brown, it was referred to the following committee named by the Chair: H. K. Ezell, G. P. White, J. W. Blanton, J. L. Ouzts, H. C. Haddock.

The Report of Board of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage was read by J. L. Vass, and on motion of J. B. Parrott, it was ordered to be referred to the usual committee.

The report of Zimmerman Davis, Treasurer of the Convention, was submitted by him, and on motion of Simeon Hyde, it was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

The following visiting brethren and all others were invited to seats in the body: F. H. Kerfoot, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention; R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; Harvey Hatcher, representing the American Baptist Publication Society; T. P. Bell, representing the Christian Index; R. H. Pitt, representing the Religious Herald; B. F. Riley, Professor in the University of Georgia, and J. E. Gwatkin, of the Baptist Argus.

The Chair named the following committee to consider the Report of Board of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage: J. E. Covington, H. C. Buchholz, B. P. Robertson, L. M. Rice, A. C. Wilkins.

The appointment of a general Committee of Nine to Make Nominations, was moved by E. J. Forrester, and the following brethren were appointed by the Chair: E. J. Forrester, W. H. Hunt, R. J. Williams, W. E. Johnson, W. T. Tate, O. L. Martin, J. B. Patrick, B. J. Woodward, C. T. Scaife.

The Report on Order of Business for Friday was recommitted by request of committee.

The Report of the Central Committee of Woman's Mission Societies was presented through C. L. Dowell, and on motion of J. D. Huggins, it was referred to a committee named by the Chair as follows: I. W. Wingo, J. O. Gough, F. O. S. Curtis, C. C. Vaughan, J. R. Aiken.

The following new pastors in the State were presented to the Convention: H. L. Riley, W. W. Jones, W. B. Oliver, R. G. Kendrick, A. J. Hensley.

Mention was made of various brethren who were detained from the Convention by sickness or affliction, and of Sister W. E. Entzminger, who was sick in Brazil, and the body was led in special prayer on their behalf by B. F. Corley.

The Convention extended an opportunity to R. H. Pitt, of the Religious Herald, and he addressed the body.

At 12 o'clock, the special order for Thanksgiving Service was observed, and this was led by R. J. Willingham, after which a collection for the Orphanage was taken. Amount, $40.51.

The Convention extended an opportunity to H. Hatcher, of the American Baptist Publication Society, and he addressed the body.

The morning session adjourned with prayer by R. G. Kendrick.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 7.30 P. M., and religious exercises were conducted by D. M. Ramsey, during which J. M. Frost led in prayer.

The special order for the consideration of Furman University and Greenville Female College was taken up, and the Convention was addressed by D. M. Ramsey, President of the Board of Trustees. D. W. Key addressed the body concerning terms adopted for the procurement of scholarships in the University, and concerning matters pertaining to Cæsar's Head.

After singing, the Report of the Committee on Education was read by A. P. Montague, and he addressed the Convention. A. B. Stallworth, of Greenville Female College, presented the claims of that institution. The Convention was further addressed by J. W. Shelor, and, after singing, by W. E. Johnson, and the report on Education was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Certain resolutions offered by W. E. Johnson concerning education by the State, upon a motion to adopt, were, on motion of D. W. Key, ordered to be referred to a committee of three.

The Committee or Order of Business presented through J. B. Parrott a further report, which was adopted as follows :

FRIDAY MORNING.

9.30-10.00—Devotional exercises.
10.00-11.00—Home Missions.
11.00-12.00—State Missions.
12.00- 1.30—Foreign Missions.

FRIDAY EVENING.

7.30—Orphanage.
Miscellaneous business.

On motion of J. W. Shelor, Friday evening, after the discussion of Reference Committee's Report on Orphanage, was set for the election of a Superintendent for the same.

The Chair appointed as a Committee on Sunday Services, the pastor and deacons of the First church of Gaffney.

On motion, the session was adjourned after prayer by J. B. Parrott.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 9.30, and devotional exercises were conducted by W. E. G. Humphries.

The Minutes of Thursday's sessions were read and approved.

On motion of J. B. Parrott, it was ordered that the special order for the evening be postponed for forty-five minutes for the consideration of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Under the special order, the consideration of Home Missions was taken up, and the report was read by W. A. Pearson. Its adoption was moved by G. W. Gardner. The report was spoken to by W. A. Pearson, and F. H. Kerfoot, Secretary for Home Missions, addressed the Convention. The report was then adopted.

The Chair announced as a Committee on Resolutions previously offered by W. E. Johnson: E. J. Forrester, C. H. Judson, J. D. Huggins.

President E. Y. Mullins, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was introduced to the body.

The Committee to which was referred the Report of the Executive Board, presented its report through A. J. S Thomas, and its adoption was moved by J. B. Parrott. Addresses were made by O. L. Martin, R. N. Pratt and T. M. Bailey. Pledges and cash were given to the amount of $1262.28 for State Missions, and the report was adopted.

The Chair announced the following Standing Committees to report in 1900:

Foreign Missions—M. W. Gordon, L. C. Hinton, J. E McManaway, Simeon Hyde, J. S. McLemore.

Home Missions—E. A McDowell, O. J Peterson, B. Rutledge, M. L. Donaldson, R. G. Kendrick.

Sunday Schools—J. I. Allen, J. H. Yarborough, T. P. Lide F. P. Covington, D. A. Williams.

Education—W. B Oliver, C. J. Owens, W. M. Pinson, C A Jones, M. W. Rankin.

Temperance—A. C Wilkins, N. N. Burton, E. C. Ridgell, J. S M. Finch, J. R. Aiken.

The Report on Foreign Missions was read by A. C Osborn, and its adoption was moved by E. E. Bomar. On motion of V. I. Masters, its consideration was made the special order for an afternoon session opening at 3.00 o'clock.

On motion of W. J. Langston, the morning session of the Convention adjourned after prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention came together again at three o'clock, and after religious exercises the consideration of Foreign Missions was resumed, and after remarks by J. D. Huggins and E E. Bomar, the body was addressed by R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary for Foreign Missions. The report was then adopted.

The Chair named the Committee on Time and Place of

Next Meeting and Person to Preach, as follows : J. B. Bozeman, W. H. Lyles, V. I. Masters, J. J. Lawton, G. H. Edwards.

The Convention then adjourned to meet at 7.30 P. M.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 7.30. After prayer by J. E. Herring and singing, it proceeded to business.

A telegram of greeting was read from the South Carolina students in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, indicating Ephesians 3 : 14-21, which was read. And on motion of G. W. Gardner, the Secretary was instructed to respond thereto.

A report on the Order of Business was presented by J. B. Parrott, and on motion of W. E. G. Humphries, it was adopted as follows :

SATURDAY MORNING.

9.30—Devotional exercises.
10.00—Obituaries.
10.30—Woman's Work.
11.15—Sunday Schools.
12.00—Aged Ministers Relief.
12.45—Miscellaneous Business.

SATURDAY EVENING.

7.30—Ministerial Education.
8 30—Temperance.
9.30—Miscellaneous Business.

Under the special order for the consideration of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, E. Y. Mullins, President of the institution, addressed the Convention, and raised in pledges and cash for the Students' Fund $830.00.

Under the special order, J. E Covington read the Report on the Report of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage, and after remarks by A. C. Wilkins and G. A. Wright, a motion to amend was made by J. J. Beck, and after further discussion by A. P. Taylor, O. L. Martin, J. W. Blanton, J. S. Jordan and J. L. Vass, the amendment prevailed, and the report was adopted as hereinafter appended.

The hour for the election of a Superintendent of Connie Maxwell Orphanage having arrived, J. L. Vass declined re-election. D. M. Ramsey nominated A. T. Jamison. L. C. Ezell moved that nominations close and that J. L. Vass cast the ballot of the Convention for A. T. Jamison, and both motions unanimously prevailed, and A. T. Jamison was elected.

The following resolution offered by C. C. Brown, was adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, That Bro. J. L. Vass, in retiring from the superintendency of the Orphanage, has the confidence, love, and gratitude of the members of the Convention.

Remarks were made by A. T. Jamison relative to his election to the superintendency of the Orphanage, and indicating that he would take the matter under advisement.

The Convention was led in prayer by N. N. Burton for the divine blessing upon the retiring Superintendent and the brother elected to fill his place.

On motion of A. C. Wilkins, the Convention was addressed by Lee Davis Lodge, President of Limestone College, concerning that institution.

The Report of the Committee to which had been referred certain resolutions offered by W. E. Johnson, was read by E. J. Forrester, and on motion of J. B. Parrott, it was adopted as follows :

Your Committee to whom was referred the resolutions offered by Bro. W. E. Johnson on the subject of education by the State, have carefully considered the matter entrusted to them and respectfully report that, while they are personally in hearty sympathy with the views of education set forth in the resolutions, they do not believe that such action as is proposed comes within the constitutional sphere of this Convention, and therefore recommend that the resolutions be laid on the table, suggesting that it would be entirely competent for brethren who desire it, to call county and larger educational conventions, through which to give effect to the views of the Christian citizenship of the State upon the subject of the sphere and duty of the State in education.

Respectfully submitted.

E. J. FORRESTER,
J. D. HUGGINS,
Committee.

On motion of J. W. Shelor, it was ordered that should the present Superintendent of the Orphanage turn over the man-

agement of the institution to his successor elect before the expiration of the term of office, in July next, the Convention hereby ratifies the same.

President H. S. Hartzog, of Clemson College, was presented to the body.

The following Report on Time and Place of Next Meeting was presented by J. B. Bozeman, and on motion of G. W. Gardner was adopted:

Place—Newberry.

Time—Wednesday before the first Sunday in December, 1900, at 7.30 P. M. [See later reconsideration of Time.]

Person to Preach—W. C. Lindsay or W. B. Oliver.

The Report on Sunday Services was read by B. P. Robertson, and is appended.

The evening session was adjourned with prayer by W. E. Thayer.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 9.30, and devotional exercises were conducted by H. L. Riley.

The Minutes of Friday's sessions were read and approved.

On motion of E. J. Forrester, items 3 and 4 of the special order for the morning were transposed.

The following resolutions were offered by W. H. Lyles and adopted:

Resolved, That the blessing of the Lord having been upon us in all of our ways, we will acknowledge it by making our meeting at Newberry an epoch in our missionary labors, and to that end that we determine to give the principal time of the Convention and our best efforts to the advancement of the interests of our three missionary Boards; that the opening night of the Convention, after the hearing of the Convention Sermon, be devoted to a service of consecration and prayer for missions; that the preacher of the Convention Sermon be requested to devote his sermon to that subject; and that the Secretary of this Convention be instructed to notify the Secretaries of the Home, Foreign, and State Mission Boards of the adoption of these resolutions, and that they are requested to be with us at the opening of the Convention, and to make special efforts for their several Boards.

On motion of T. M. Bailey, it was ordered that a committee of five be appointed to arrange the Order of Business for next session.

On motion of C. C. Brown, the Chair was empowered to appoint the usual delegates to the American Baptist Education Society.

Under the special order, the Report on Obituaries was read by J. W. Perry. Its adoption was moved by W. J. Langston, and on motion of J. F. Singleton, the chairman of the committee was authorized to complete it.

In the absence of the Report on Sunday Schools, J. M. Frost, Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, addressed the body concerning the work of the Board.

The Chair announced the following committees :

1. On Order of Businss for Next Meeting—R. N. Pratt, A. C. Wilkins, C. M. Billings, A. C. Coggeshall, W. H. Lyles.

2. On History of Denominational Education—H. T. Cook, J. W. Perry, H. P. Griffith.

The following delegates to the American Baptist Education Society were appointed by the Chair : C. C. Brown, R. W. Lide, L. D. Lodge, A. B. Stallworth, H. S. Hartzog.

Under the special order, I. W. Wingo read the report of the committee to which was referred the Report of the Central Committee of Woman's Mission Societies. Its adoption was moved by J. R. Aiken, and the report was spoken to by I. W. Wingo, W. C. Lindsay, and R. W. Sanders. The time having expired, ten minutes further was allowed for discussion, and the report was discussed by D. M. Ramsey and C. L. Dowell, and was adopted.

The Report of Committee to which was referred theReport of the Board of Aged Ministers' Relief was read by J. D. Huggins, and on motion of J. W. Blanton to adopt, remarks were made by C. C. Brown. Bro. J. G. Carter, one of the beneficiaries, was introduced, and remarks were further made by L. C. Ezell and A. J. S. Thomas. A table collection was raised amounting to $39.91 for the Fund. The report was adopted.

The committee appointed last year on the Revision of the

Constitution, reported through E. J. Forrester. It was decided that the articles be voted on *seriatim*. Articles I–VI were read and severally adopted. Article VII was read, and G. H. Edwards moved to amend the same by allowing each association to send two delegates at large, which amendment, after some discussion, was adopted.

Pending the ensuing discussion, a motion was made to adjourn to 7.30 o'clock P. M., and the body adjourned.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Convention met at 7.30, and after singing, with prayer by R. N. Pratt, proceeded to business.

The special order being the consideration of Ministerial Education, the Report on the Report of the Board was read by J. W. Blanton, and upon motion of J. D. Huggins to adopt the same, it was spoken to by J. W. Blanton, W. J. Langston and J. D. Huggins. The special order was deferred for ten minutes. The subject was further discussed by D. M. Ramsey, F. C. Hickson, W. J. Langston and E. A. McDowell. Special order was again deferred for fifteen minutes, and C. C. Brown raised cash and pledges, inclusive of hat collection, amounting to $311.83 for ministerial education. And the Report was adopted.

The special order being Temperance, the Standing Committee's Report was read by D. M. Ramsey. On motion of C. C. Brown to adopt the Report, remarks were made by R. E. Peele and J. E. Brunson. A motion to recommit the Report was made by E. J. Forrester, and it was recommitted.

The Committee on Nominations reported through E. J. Forrester, and the items were severally adopted, as follows :

Executive Board—C. S. Gardner, President; W. C. Lindsay, Vice President; H. T. Cook, Auditor; T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; J. M. Geer, E. L. Wilkins, W. T. Tate, B. J. Woodward, W. W. Keys, Rufus Ford, C. T. Scaife, J. H. Boldridge, E. J. Forrester.

Board of Ministerial Education—W. J. Langston, President; Wm. Goldsmith, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer; R. W. Sanders, L. R. Gwaltney, J. D. Huggins, F. C. Hickson, V. I. Masters, J. E. Covington, F. P. Covington, J. A. Brown, Zimmerman Davis, J. B. Parrott.

To fill vacancies in Board of Trustees of Furman University and Greenville Female College: For five years—T. Q. Donaldson, J. W. Shelor, W. H. Lyles, R. J. Alderman, J. L. Tribble. For three years—in vacancy by removal of H. R. Moseley—B. Rutledge.

To fill vacancies in Board of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage: For three years—J. A. Barksdale, G. H. Burton, J. B. Black, D. A. Williams, Orlando Sheppard.

It having been ascertained that most of the members of the Committee on Temperance had left the Convention, and that therefore the recommittal of the report previously ordered was impossible, J. E. Brunson offered the following substitute, which was adopted :

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that the sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes by the State or any individual, is a great crime and should be prohibited at once.

The consideration of the Report of Committee on Revision of Constitution was resumed, and after a discussion of the basis of representation, an amendment offered by V. I. Masters, fixing the financial representation at one delegate for each twenty-five dollars contributed to State Missions, was adopted. After sundry minor amendments, the Constitution and Rules were adopted as a whole, as hereinafter appended.

A motion by N. N. Burton for a reconsideration of the time of next meeting having prevailed, E. J. Forrester moved that the Report be amended to read, "Friday night before the second Sunday in December," and it was so ordered.

The following Resolution offered by E. J. Forrester was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That this Convention is unalterably opposed to the seating of the polygamous Roberts, Representative-elect to Congress from Utah ; and that this resolution be sent by the Secretary to our Representatives in Congress.

On motion of J. D. Huggins, C. P. Ervin was elected Statistical Secretary for the ensuing year at a salary of fifty dollars.

On motion of A. McA. Pittman, the usual number of Minutes was ordered to be printed, and the printing left to the discretion of the Secretary.

The Convention, after the benediction by L. C. Ezell, adjourned to meet on Sunday evening after religious service.

FIFTH DAY.

SUNDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled after religious services in its final session.

The Minutes of Saturday's sessions were read and approved, and leave was granted to print the Standing Committee's Report on Temperance.

The following Standing Committee on Obituaries was announced by the Chair : A. J. S. Thomas, A. T. Jones, M. A. Connors, S. R. Bass, B. K. Truluck, R. E. Peele, J. J. Waters, G. W. Gardner, J. F. McMillan, W. G. Britton, D. W. Hiott, J. F. Allen, R. S. Williams, L. F. Dorn, W. A. Pearson, L. T. Carroll, J. D. Bailey, H. C. Huchholz, R. J. Williams, Jabez Ferris, J. F. Freeman, W. S. B. Ford, H. L. Baggott, W. D. Moorer, W. E. G. Humphries, G. F. Stanley, J. H. Sanford, B. F. Corley, J. H. Hudson, F. R. McClanahan, D. J. Knotts, G. W. Dalton, C. E. Robinson, T. M. Lundy, A. P. McNeill, B. Rutledge.

The following resolution offered by V. I. Masters, as amended by W. T. Tate, was adopted :

Resolved, That this Convention does heartily thank the First Baptist church, the Baptists and citizens of Gaffney, for the splendid entertainment we have received ; the Gaffney Ledger for courtesies extended, and the choir for their delightful music.

Appropriate remarks in keeping with the matter of this resolution were made by D. M. Ramsey. The President made a short closing address ; the hymn, "Blest be the tie," was sung ; the Convention was led in prayer by T.P. Lide, and on motion, it adjourned.

W. D. RICE, President.

C. P. ERVIN, Secretary.

A. T. JAMISON, Assistant Secretary.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Abbeville—12.

F. M. Allen.
J. A. Brown.
M. B. Clinkscales.
F. O. S. Curtis.
E. J. Forrester.
G. W. Gardner.
T. L. Haddon.
W. W. Jones.
J. S. Jordan.
A. McA. Pittman.
T. H. Plemmons.
A. D. Woodle.

Aiken—5.

E. E. Bomar.
C. K. Henderson.
W. H Kneece.
J. F. McMillan.
T. E. Seago.

Barnwell—6.

W. G. Britton.
W. E. Johnson.
T. P. Lide.
S. G. Mayfield.
A. H. Patterson.
W. D. Rice.

Beaverdam—4.

D. W. Hiott.
James Seaborn.
J. W. Shelor.
J. W. Stribling.

Broad River—11.

J. D. Bailey.
J. M. Bridges.
A. D. Davidson.
Wm. Giadinghagin.
H. P. Griffith.
G. P. Hamrick.
F. C. Hickson.
W. D. Kirby.
W. R. Lipscomb.
B. P. Robertson.
R. O. Sams.

Charleston—5.

Zimmerman Davis.
Simeon Hyde.
W. A. Pearson.
D. M. Ramsey.
W. M. Riley.

Chester—7.

H. C. Buchholz.
H. R. Chapman.
R. H. Ferguson.
M. W. Gordon.
L. C. Hinton.
A. P. McNeill.
J. H. Yarborough.

Chesterfield—2.

J. F. Allen.
A. J. Eddins.

Colleton—1.

J. B. Bozeman.

Dorchester—0.

Edgefield—4.

F. N. K. Bailey.
L. F. Dorn.
J. T. Littlejohn.
H. W. McKie.

Edisto—1.

J. S. McLemore.

Fairfield—7.
L. T. Carroll.
H. K. Ezell.
W. C. Lindsay.
W. H. Lyles.
E. A. McDowell.
A. C. Osborn.
R. N. Pratt.

Florence—3.
F. P. Covington.
W. B. Oliver.
B. Rutledge.

Greenville—21.
T. M. Bailey.
D. S. Cuttino.
M. L. Donaldson.
M. D. Earle.
B. E. Geer.
C. H. Judson.
R. G. Kendrick.
D. W. Key
W. W. Keys.
W. J. Langston.
H. P. McGee.
J. E. McManaway.
V. I. Masters.
A. P. Montague.
G. B. Moore.
E. C. Rice.
A. B. Stallworth.
A. P. Taylor.
A. J. S. Thomas.
A. S. Townes.
R. J. Williams.

Lake Swamp—0

Laurens—7.
J. A. Barksdale.
B. F. Corley.
W. H. Drummond.
A. H. Martin.
B. J. Woodward.
J. B. Parrott.
J. H. Wharton.

Lexington—0.

Moriah—3.
Jabez Ferris.
P. T. Twitty.
D. A. Williams.

North Greenville—5.
M. L. Davis.
R. K. Earle.
J. F. Freeman.
H. C. Haddock.
O. J. Peterson.

Orangeburg—8.
S. Bishop.
D. H. Crosland.
S. H. Mack.
C. J. Owens.
W. M. Pinson.
J. H. Sanford.
W. H. Simpson.
F. L. Witt.

Pee Dee—5.
J. I. Allen.
T. L. Crosland.
R. Ford.
J. H. Hudson.
C. A. Jones.

Piedmont—1.
F. R. McClanahan.

Reedy River—6.
J. W. Blanton.
W. S. B. Ford.
W. H. Hunt.
M. W. Rankin.
I. M. Smith.
G. A. Wright.

Ridge—10.
H. L. Baggott.
N. N. Burton.
W. D. Holland.
A. J. Reamy.
E. C. Ridgell.

H. L. Riley.
W. E. Thayer.
W. H. Timmerman.
G. P. White.
A. C. Wilkins.

Saluda—15.
J. J. Beck.
J. N. Brown.
G. W. Bussey.
P. E. Clinkscales.
O. C. Copeland.
H. S. Hartzog.
W. W. Leathers.
O. L. Martin.
W. D. Moorer.
J. B. Patrick.
John A. Robinson.
R. W. Sanders.
J. F. Singleton.
W. T. Tate.
J. L. Tribble.

Santee—6.
D. W. Alderman.
C. C. Brown.
M. A. Connors.
J. O. Gough.
J. D Huggins.
A. T. Jamison.

Savannah River—1.
S. R. Bass.

Southeast—4.
B. F. Brockinton, Jr.
J. E. Brunson.
W. P. Holland.
B. K. Truluck.

Spartanburg—31.
J. R. Aiken.
H. H. Arnold.
H. L. Bomar.
W. R. Brown.
J. E. Covington.
C. M. Earle.
C. P. Ervin.
L. C Ezell.
S. B. Ezell.
C. C. L. Finch.
J. S. M. Finch.
G. T. Gresham.
W. D. Hammett.
G. M. Hicks.
W. W. Johns.
A. T. Jones.
S. T. D. Lancaster.
L. M. Lanford.
T. B. Martin.
R. B. Monk.
J. H. Montgomery.
J. L. Ouzts.
W. H. Waters.
E. C. Watson
I. W. Wingo.
G. C. Wolf.
A. B. Woodruff.
Z. G. Pittman.
C T. Scaife.
W. P. Smith.
J. B Stepp.

Twelve Mile River—0.

Union County—5.
J. H. Crosby.
J. A. Fant.
W. E. G. Humphries.
L. M. Rice.
D. N. Wilburn.

Waccamaw—1.
G. F. Stanley.

Welsh Neck—14.
C. M. Billings.
A. C. Coggeshall.
C. L. Dowell.
C. B. Edwards.
G. H. Edwards.
J. B. Edwards.
J. W. Gaines.

R. N. Howle.
J. J. Lawton.
R. W. Lide.
R. E. Peele.
J. W. Perry.
C. A. Smith.
C. C. Vaughan.

York—5.
S. M. Grist.
W. J. Moorhead.
E. S. Reaves.
J. J. Waters.
Robert Westmoreland

Whole Number, 216.

REPORTS.

Report of the Executive Board.

To the South Carolina Baptist State Convention:

In presenting our annual report to the seventy-ninth session of this Convention, we desire to record first of all our gratitude to the Giver of all good for his abundant mercies unto us.

While the lives of the members of the Board have been mercifully preserved, death has invaded the ranks of the workers in the field.

Since your last meeting the following brethren, who were in the employ of the Board, have been called by death to their reward on high: Revs. John S. Croxton, John D. Robertson, W. J. Dowell. These brethren were faithful and efficient workers in the vineyard of the Master. They rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

During the year 86 missionaries have been in the employ of the Board, 75 as missionary pastors, 1 lady missionary, 1 missionary and colporter, 7 as colporters, and 2 colored brethren working among their people. The labors of these missionaries have been expended in 29 of our 34 Associations. Their names and fields of labor are as follows:

Abbeville Association—F. O. S. Curtis, J. A. Brown, G. H. Burton, A. D. Woodle, W. W. Jones.

Aiken Association—Graves L. Knight.

Barnwell Association—W. D. McMillan, W. G. Britton.

Beaverdam Association—J. M. Sanders.

Broad River Association—J. M. Bridges, M. V. Moss.

Charleston Association—Miss E. Y. Hyde, Aug. J. Nielsen, E. D. Wells, Simeon Hyde, W. S. Dorset, J. E. Edwards, W. A. Pearson, J. J. Myers.

Chester Association—M. W. Gordon.

Chesterfield Association—B. S. Funderburk, R. E. Small, A. C. Baker.

Colleton Association—J. B. Bozeman.

Edgefield Association—B. D. Thames.

Fairfield Association—R. N. Pratt, J. E. Duren, H. K. Ezell, W. J. Dowell, W. R. Briscoe, J. P. Isenhower.

Florence Association—J. I. Ayres, A. E. C. Pittman, H. F. Oliver, T. H. Harrison.

North Greenville Association—H. C. Haddock, C. W. Salter.

Laurens Association—J. A. Martin, J. O. Martin, D. F. Balentine.

Lexington Association—Thos. F. Rivers.

Moriah Association—John S. Croxton, S. N. Watson, T. A. Dabney.

Orangeburg Association—B. M. Foreman, S. Bishop, J. H. Sanford, H. W. Cooper.

Pee Dee Association—W. A. Humphrey, E. P. Easterling.

Reedy River Association—J. W. Blanton, W. S. B. Ford.

Saluda Association—Wm. Brown, G. M. Rogers.

Santee Association—J. R. Smith, J. C. Crouch, R. T. Marsh, J. W. Kenney.

Savannah River Association—W. H. Dowling, Jno. F. Morrall, M. H. Shuman, Fred Jones, Wm. Haynsworth, T. W. Malphrus.

Southeast Association—W. P. Holland, D. F. Crosland.

Spartanburg Association—C. P. Ervin, J. E. Rogers, J. R. Aiken.

Twelve Mile River Association—M. L. Jones.

Union County Association—D. C. Freeman, T. H Garrett.

Waccamaw Association—Asa West.

Welsh Neck Association—R. E. Peele, Thos. Henderson, C. C. Vaughan, H. F. Oliver.

York Association—E. S. Reaves, Jno. D. Robertson, A. J. Hensley, H. R. Chapman

Among the Colored People—H. M. Raiford, J. W. Boykin.

The labors of these missionaries, so far as figures can show them, may be seen from the following:

SUMMARY OF WORK.

Missionaries and colporters, 86; stations occupied, 101; miles traveled, 48,571; sermons and addresses delivered, 5,269; prayer-meetings held, 1,431; religious visits made, 15,581; conversions, 1,389; baptisms, 572; received by letter, 688; restored to fellowship, 49; total additions to mission churches, 1,309; membership in churches at mission stations, 5,615; churches organized, 1; houses of worship built, 4; Sunday schools organized, 33; number of Sunday schools at mission stations, 86; number of teachers and scholars, 5,445; contributions of Sunday schools, $361.37; collected in Mission churches for State Missions, $853.59; for Home Missions, $87.63; for Foreign Missions, $141.80; for Ministerial Education $29.91; for Orphanage, $98.33; for Aged and Infirm Ministers, $84.61.

CHURCHES ORGANIZED.

Port Royal and Fairmont.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP BUILT AND DEDICATED.

Second church, Union; Arkwright; West End church, Newberry; Timrod; cost of these houses, $4,900.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP BEING BUILT.

Tuccapau, Lockhart, Brookland.

CHURCHES NOW SELF-SUSTAINING.

Abbeville, Winnsboro, Ridgeway, White Oak, Lanes, Clinton, and Greene Street, Spartanburg.

WORK AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE.

Rev. H. M. Raiford worked three and one-half months of the Conventional year. He tendered his resignation March 15. Rev. J. W. Boykin worked five months. The term for which we engaged to carry on this work expired on April 30. Owing chiefly to the lack of means the Board did not deem it wise for the present to continue the work. The salaries of the colored brethren have been paid up in full.

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

This important work has been pressed just as far as the means would allow. Seven men have worked as colporters, and one as missionary and colporter. The continued rains in the early months of the year, hindered the colporters greatly. The sales amount to 4,404 books, value for $1,671.86.

We have donated during the year to destitute persons 118 Bibles and Testaments, value for $32.21. We have distributed during the year 266,000 pages of tracts. We are indebted to the kindness of the Sunday School Board and the American Baptist Publication Society for the most of these.

VOLUNTARY MISSION WORK.

During the year efforts were made to secure a band of pastors, who would each agree to give a week or ten days work at some weak church or station where help was needed. Quite a number of pastors agreed to do so.

The following brethren rendered very efficient service: Wilkins, Williams, Gardner, Key, Langston, Gough, Jamison, Bussey, Huggins, Singleton, Covington, McMillan, Ouzts, Rice, Sublett, Turner, Ramsey and Woodward.

A number of missionary rallies were held during the year which were productive of much good. The rains in the early months, and the push on the farmers after the rains were over, hindered us from carrying on these efforts more extensively.

THE FUTURE.

Of the past work of the Board we have no reason to be ashamed. Of the 910 white Baptist churches in our State over 300 of them have been organized under the direction of the State Board. And yet after all that has been accomplished during the thirty-three years of its existence, a greater work yet remains to be done.

A new era has dawned upon our State. The building of cotton factories causes towns with a population from one to three thousand people to spring up as if by magic. These towns mainly but not entirely are in the Piedmont belt, and will soon become centers of influence. It behooves us as Baptists to enter them at once. From the best information we can obtain there is already a population of from fifty to sixty thousand in them. They offer an inviting field for missionary effort. Churches have already been built up in some of them, that are aiding us in building up all our denominational enterprises.

In many of these towns, we have only been able to give them one-half and in some cases only one-fourth of the time of a missionary; whereas the extent and difficulty of the work would tax the entire energies of the most devoted man. A larger work must be, ought to be, and we trust will be done in them, but it will require a larger income to do it.

DANGER AHEAD.

An alarming danger threatens not only the Baptists of South Carolina but all other Christians as well. Mormon missionaries are canvassing our State, going from house to house, two by two, scattering widely their cunningly devised literature, establishing preaching points, and slowly but surely planting an influence that will develop into the most threatening foe to the peace of society, the progress of vital godliness, and the prosperity of our Christian institutions. They already claim to have 1,000 members in the State.

To counteract the influence of these false teachers, we have already scattered over the State 166,000 pages of tracts and pamphlets. In addition to this we must send out more missionaries to those sections of the State where the people are most easily influenced by them. Where they preach error, let our missionaries preach the truth. This is the only successful way to meet them.

OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Carrying out the instructions of the Convention, your Board apportioned the sum of $15,000 among the Associations, and has by every means in its power encouraged the churches to raise that amount. Had that goal been reached, every obligation of your Board would have been met. That it has not been reached, is a matter of deep regret to us. We rejoice however that the contributions are equal to those of last year and a little over, and that our indebtedness has been reduced. With $2,000 to meet balances due to our missionaries, your Board would feel greatly relieved. The amount due to colportage funds does not bear any interest, and could be gradually met. Thankful for the past and hopeful for the future, we submit our Report for your consideration.

C. S. GARDNER, President.

T. M. BAILEY, Corresponding Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer of Executive Board.

T. M. BAILEY, Treasurer, in account with the Executive Board of the South Carolina Baptist State Convention:

STATE MISSIONS.

DR.

To cash from Abbeville Association	$	355 37
Aiken		205 04
Barnwell		341 09
Beaverdam		123 52
Broad River		177 72
Charleston		350 71
Chester		225 03
Chesterfield		111 35
Colleton		181 14
Dorchester		
Edgefield		313 13
Edisto		107 44
Fairfield		197 30
Florence		269 09
Greenville		659 15
North Greenville		142 49
Lake Swamp		2 00
Laurens		419 42
Lexington		70 77
Moriah		187 08
Orangeburg		267 73
Pee Dee		256 70
Piedmont		43 36
Reedy River		157 52
Ridge		287 34
Saluda		818 17
Santee		456 80
Savannah River		442 67
Southeast		377 98
Spartanburg		782 51
Twelve Mile River		127 76
Union County		154 21
Waccamaw		37 13
Welsh Neck		374 49
York		164 48
Central Committee		648 18
Donation from Sunday School Board		209 70
Donation from American Baptist Pub. Society		80 00
Interest on Mary Harley Fund		57 40
Collection at last Convention, 1898		33 70
Borrowed from Colportage Funds		1772 39
Total	$	11989 07

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By cash paid out over receipts of 1898	$ 1167 07
By cash for Convention Minutes	83 00
Traveling expenses of Board Members	58 45
Printing and stationery	32 64
Traveling expenses of Corresponding Secretary	250 17
Postage	76 95
Revenue stamps	6 43
Tracts	221 13
Freight and express	52 27
By expense on cash received	1 64
By cash for telegram	41
By Scriptures donated	35 21
By loss on damaged books	19 90
By donations to needy Sunday schools	3 30
By interest on borrowed money	13 96
By balance of salaries for 1898	4304 92
By cash to T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary	963 59
F. O S. Curtis	37 50
J A. Brown	32 29
A. D. Woodle	46 39
W. W. Jones	18 00
W. D. McMillan	35 90
W. G Britton	81 34
J. M. Bridges	66 00
M. V. Moss	18 06
E D. Wells	132 23
W. S. Dorset	225 92
A J. Nielsen	105 00
Simeon Hyde	185 00
Miss E. Y. Hyde	225 00
W A. Pearson	20 08
B. S. Funderburk	107 77
J. B Bozeman	139 08
R. N. Pratt	323 90
W. J. Dowell	150 00
J. P. Isenhower	20 81
H. K. Ezell	73 14
J. O. Martin	12 50
J. A. Martin	72 91
S. N. Watson	60 06
Jno. S. Croxton	———
T. A. Dabney	12 50
B. M. Foreman	37 35
S. Bishop	27 35
J. H. Sanford	27 40
H. W. Cooper	17 01

By cash to	W. A. Humphrey	46 37
	J. W. Blanton	39 57
	W. S. B. Ford	145 54
	J. R. Smith	81 90
	J. C. Crouch	31 77
	J. W. Kenney	26 60
	R. T. Marsh	28 04
	J. R. Aiken	122 60
	C. P. Ervin	36 82
	J. E. Rogers	13 07
	D. C. Freeman	36 49
	R. E. Peele	32 66
	H. F. Oliver	50 26
	C. C. Vaughan	51 58
	Thomas Henderson	20 19
	E. S. Reaves	51 55
	Thos. F. Rivers	35 58
	A. J. Hensley	31 80
	T. H. Garrett	31 80
	G. H. Burton	19 77
	J. F. Morrall	57 00
	Wm. H. Dowling	143 40
	T. W. Malphrus	16 09
	M. H. Shuman	29 54
	Wm. Haynsworth	13 74
	Fred Jones	25 00
	J. E. Edwards	96 24
	M. W. Gordon	27 87
	R. E. Small	25 00
	A. C. Baker	62 08
	H. R. Chapman	13 32
	Jno. D. Robertson	5 20
	J. J. Myers	10 00
	T. H. Harrison	21 25
	A. E. C. Pittman	167 69
	J. I. Ayres	15 41
	W. R. Briscoe	12 50
	M. L. Jones	28 09
	Asa West	28 78
	H. C. Haddock	56 99
	W. P. Holland	42 26
	D. F. Crosland	119 85
	C. W. Salter	64 84
	J. C. Lawson	22 66
	Wm. Brown	50 00
	J. E. Duren	50 00
	J. M. Sanders	14 11
	H. M. Raiford	130 54
	J. W. Boykin	103 15
Total		$11989 07

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

1898.		
	Dr.	
Dec. 7.	To Permanent Funds	$ 2987 27
	Cr.	
	By books in hands of colporter	$ 807 04
	By books in office of Cor. Sec	158 80
	By loan to State Missions	1772 39
	By cash in bank	249 04
	Total	$ 2987 27

SALARIES OF COLPORTERS.

1898.		
	Dr	
Dec. 7	To balance	$ 96 45
	To contributions	61 78
	Total	$ 158 23
	Cr.	
	By cash to C. W. Salter	$ 44 43
	B. D. Thames	75 00
	W. J. Plunkett	8 00
	By freight and express	4 96
	By Bibles donated	5 35
	By cash in bank	20 49
	Total	$ 158 23

BUNCOMBE STREET CHURCH BUILDING.

1898.		
	Dr.	
Dec. 1.	To balance	$ 143 83
1899.	To contribution	5 00
	Total	$ 148 83
	Cr	
	By cash in bank	$ 148 83

MARY HARLEY FUND.

Dr.	
To amount of bequest	$ 900 00
Cr.	
By notes of Chesterfield ch. and Second ch, Columbia	$ 900 00

GREENVILLE, S. C., Nov. 28, 1899.

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the account of Dr. T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the South Carolina State Convention, showing receipts and expenditures to the above date and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

H. T. COOK, Auditor S. C. B. S. C.

Report of Committee on the Report of Executive Board.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Executive Board respectfully submit:

1. We note that the number of missionaries employed by the Board was as large as last year, and the results, in some particulars, more encouraging. The number of conversions was larger and the number of baptisms equal to that of last year. The collections at mission churches and stations for benevolence were not equal to last year.

2. We note with pleasure that seven churches have become self-sustaining, viz.: Abbeville, Winnsboro, Ridgeway, White Oak, Lanes, Clinton, Green Street (Spartanburg). These are important churches and the Board's work at these places will continue to bear blessed fruit and these churches are now strong supporters of our denominational work.

3 We note with approval the voluntary service rendered by eighteen of our pastors Also, that missionary rallies were held in the different places in the State. We heartily commend this work and venture the hope that this new feature may be continued and successfully enlarged.

4. We note with pleasure the important work being done by the Board in the manufacturing districts, and we hope this large and inviting territory will be covered by our missionaries. We cannot afford to neglect these growing centers of influence

5. It is gratifying to note that the Board is alive to the dangers of false teachings among our people on the part of the Mormons, and that efforts are being made to counteract these teachings. We hope the Board will continue the liberal dissemination of pure religious literature by our missionaries and colporters.

6. The financial condition of the Board needs our most thoughtful and prayerful consideration. More money is needed. Several thousand dollars in addition to what is now annually received might be wisely used. The debt should be liquidated at once. For the coming year the Board should have at least $15,000, and we recommend that the churches be asked to raise that amount.

7. We recommend that the union meetings in December be requested to take collections for State Missions.

8. We approve the action of the Board in borrowing a small amount in the summer months with which to relieve the pressing necessities of missionaries. However, we express the hope that the promptness and generosity of our churches will prevent a like recurrence in the future.

In conclusion, we wish to emphasize the fact that the work of State Missions is the supreme, pre-eminent work of this Convention. Preaching the Gospel in South Carolina—in country, hamlets, towns and cities—cannot be, must not be, considered of secondary importance. In the untiring zeal and consecrated efforts of our beloved Corresponding Secretary we would enlist the sympathies and generous co-operation of every Baptist in the State.

Respectfully submitted. BY COMMITTEE.

Report of the Aged Ministers' Relief Board.

For about nine years this work has been going on. The beginnings were small and even to this late day we are doing no great things. A better day will yet come and to that day we look forward, while we labor, hope and pray.

Your Board has done the very best it could in collecting and disbursing the money. We are not certain that all we have done was right; but we acted according to the best knowledge and light we had. It has been remarked that some of our beneficiaries are very obscure and were never heard of before. We confess this to be true. Of the existence of some of them we had never heard until through a cry of distress. Some of the men are obscure. They always have been and always will be, if we are to judge according to the judgment of this world. They lived and labored in their own little sphere and were never mixed up with the great world beyond. Their work and manner of life were humble. Their names never got into the papers. Outside of their limited circle, they had no influence and few companionships. Doubtless, in their way, they did the best they could. They worked hard and worked for little pay. Many of us would have scorned their tasks. But in all sincerity they lived unto God. Some of the women we are aiding were obscure. They lived under the shadow of poverty. They have never known what it was to have more than the barest necessaries and now that the husband and bread-winner is gone, they have come to realize not merely the horrors of obscurity, but of poverty and suffering. When you commissioned us and asked us to undertake this work, there was nothing said about our seeking only for those who had made their mark and had a name. We have found that those who filled large offices were able to lay by a little for the day of adversity and the really needy are those who bore the burden of the day and the scorching heat in the humbler places of toil. We have not sought to win a name for our Board by placing on its beneficiary roll the names of those who formerly graced the best of our pulpits. On the other hand we have honestly sought to hear and heed the cry of distress without asking whence it comes. The poor are God's legacy to his church, and to these we have come with open hand, according as we have had something to give them. It has been remarked that we have aided some who did not need our aid. This cannot be. We have never given aid to any one who had an income of his own that amounted to as much as one hundred dollars per year. In examining into the condition of applicants we have always made it a point to find out the amount of worldly goods they own and the income they have and the aid they are receiving from friends, relatives or churches. If then we have helped the undeserving, it is because some one has duped and deceived us. Moreover, no beneficiary has ever been received unless endorsed by two or three neighboring pastors whom we believed to be acquainted with his condition and needs. If then we have helped unwisely, we have been deceived by the applicant and by the pastors. This we are not ready to admit.

We pray the brethren to stand by our side. This is a holy work. It is like to Christ. It is an unobtrusive charity. It makes no noise. The letters of love and thanksgiving which come to us are not paraded in the papers. The checks we send out quarterly blow no horns. They enter quietly into more than thirty homes, carrying light and gladness. God sees the giver and hears the prayer of the receiver. It is love at work—love laying its hand upon gray heads which had well nigh grown hopeless—love lending a new light to eyes grown dim and full of shadows —love putting a staff in a hand so weary—love bringing rest and sleep to a body bowed under the weight of years—love making it easier to go down to the grave where the rest is long and sweet and undisturbed.

I believe it would be safe to say that every church in the State, which has been personally asked to give to this cause, has done so. Those which were not asked did not realize the need, and have not given. The condition of the aged and the orphan alike appeal to our tenderest feelings. Old age itself is an appeal. But the old preacher is peculiarly so if he has been true to his God and to his people. Men recognize the fact that to these laborers they are indebted, not for anything that they can now do, but because of the good they accomplished in the years that are dead and gone. If there is a single pastor present who has not sought to give countenance and help to this work, he ought to feel that he has cut himself off from a genuine pleasure and denied himself a real privilege.

The report of the treasurer will show, however, that the receipts of the Board this year have been nearly five hundred dollars greater than last year, and with this fact to stimulate us, we are looking hopefully to the work in the future. C. C. BROWN, for the Board.

Report of Treasurer of Aged Ministers' Board.

D. W. CUTTINO, in account with Aged Ministers' Relief Board.

	Dr.	
To balance on hand last report..... ....$		279 04
To received from Associations: Abbeville, $63.61; Aiken, $27.28; Barnwell, $114.49; Beaverdam, $30.19; Broad River, $32.61; Charleston, $150.26; Chester, $54.13; Chesterfield, $5.32; Colleton, $54.70; Edgefield, $69.25; Edisto, $18.93; Fairfield, $47.80; Florence, 45.71; Greenville, $74.11; Laurens, $71.01; Lexington, $10.32; Moriah, $55.54; North Greenville, $16.76; Orangeburg, $83.85; Pee Dee, $85 79; Piedmont, $26 54; Reedy River, $44.35; Ridge, $116.82; Saluda, $140 80; Santee, $152 74; Savannah River, $109.04; Southeast, $36.77; Spartanburg, $117.40; Twelve Mile River; $19.47; Union County, $24.22; Waccamaw, $1.50; Welsh Neck, $79.14; York, $29 91; Miscellaneous, $156.00. Total.....		2166 36
	$	2445 40

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By refunded to Mahony monument fund	$ 10 26
By paid Miller & Lowry, printing	13 40
By paid on Convention Minutes	15 40
By revenue stamps	2 00
By paid beneficiaries first quarter	558 00
By paid for printing and mailing 2,000 special appeals	27 50
By paid for electrotyping four-page tracts	7 80
By paid beneficiaries second quarter	606 00
By paid for coffin for Mrs. Brooker	15 00
By paid Antietam Paper Co	7 30
By paid beneficiaries third quarter	244 25
By paid beneficiaries fourth quarter	490 50
By paid postage of chairman	56 60
By balance in Bank	396 39
Total	$ 2445 40

D. W. CUTTINO, Treas. A. M. R. Board.

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the account of D. W. Cuttino, Treasurer of the Aged Ministers' Relief Board, and find the same correct, with all the necessary vouchers.

E. H. RHAME, Auditor.

Table of Quarterly Payments to Beneficiaries.

	Feb.	May.	Aug.	Nov.
W. H. Hartin	$ 30 00	$ 30 00	$ 12 00	$ 24 00
T. W. Mellichamp	30 00	30 00	Died.	.....
Mrs. M. E. Fewox	15 00	15 00	5 00	10 00
Mrs. Susan Hill	12 50	12 50	5 00	10 00
Mrs. M. J. Cribb	12 50	12 50	6 25	12 50
W. B. Carson*	.....	.....	.....	.....
L. Hall	25 00	25 00	7 50	15 00
J. G. Carter	25 00	25 00	7 50	15 00
J. M. Crain	25 00	25 00	7 50	15 00
C. A. Baynard	25 00	25 00	7 50	15 00
Mrs. M. J. Brayan	15 00	15 00	4 50	9 00
A. W. McGuffin	20 00	20 00	7 50	15 00
Mrs. Jane Hutchins	18 00	20 00	6 25	12 50
Mrs. Susan E. Young	18 00	20 00	7 50	15 00
Mrs. A. M. Hoover	15 00	15 00	6 25	12 50
J. L. Barnett	25 00	25 00	12 50	25 00
Jno. A. Cooper	20 00	20 00	9 00	18 00
J. B. Davenport	20 00	20 00	9 00	18 00
Mrs. S. E. Broaddus	30 00	30 00	15 00	30 00
W. S. Perry	21 00	25 00	10 50	21 00

	Feb.	May	Aug.	Nov.
L. C. Hinton	$30 00	$30 00	$15 00	$30 00
Mrs. E. Moseley	15 00	15 00	7 50	15 00
J. B. Marsh	25 00	25 00	12 50	25 00
Geo. D. Kinard	20 00	20 00	10 00	20 00
Mrs. H. E. Crapse	18 00	18 00	9 00	18 00
B. Milligan	18 00	18 00	9 00	18 00
D. H. Crosland	25 00	25 00	12 00	Disconti'u'd
J. M. Lane	....	12 00	6 00	12 00
Jno. Faile	....	12 00	Died.	....
Mrs. R. B. Porter	...	9 00	4 50	9 00
A. D. Bowers	....	12 00	6 00	12 00
Mrs. M. J. Martin	...	....	6 00	12 00
Total	$553 00	$606 00	$244 25	$465 50

*Not now being aided.

Addendum. After the above table was prepared (November 18), Mrs. W. J. Dowell was received as a beneficiary, and $25 sent to her at Archer, Fla., making the total paid to beneficiaries, $1,893.75.

Report on Report of Board of Aged Ministers' Relief.

Your Committee to report on the Report of the Aged Ministers' Relief Board, beg leave to submit the following:

This worthy charity of only about nine years standing is being done with faithful, loving industry by the Board appointed for this work. It is aiding thirty beneficiaries, to whom they have paid this year $1,893.75. We would commend the untiring, self-denying work of Rev. C. C. Brown, D. D., the Secretary of this Board; and would also commend to the pastors and churches this work for our Lord's poor.

We would recommend, for the sake of avoiding as much as possible any probability of imposition on the Board, that all applicants for aid come endorsed by the churches to which they belong, by their pastor and the Associational Executive Board. Also, that the names of all the present beneficiaries be sent to the Executive Boards of their Associations for endorsement. J. D. HUGGINS.

Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

Eighth annual report of the Trustees to the Baptist State Convention, Gaffney, November 30, 1899:

With profound gratitude to our kind Heavenly Father, we make this our annual report. His kind providence has kept our fatherless children safe another year.

DR. J. C. MAXWELL.

It is the painful duty of your Board to record the death of Dr. John Chappell Maxwell, which occurred at his home in Greenwood on Satur-

day night, August 12, 1899, in his sixty-second year. It will be remembered that it was the magnificent offer made by himself and Mrs. Maxwell that largely determined the location of the Orphanage at Greenwood in 1891. His gifts to the Orphanage in real estate comprise a mortuary title to 470 acres of land adjoining the Orphanage, and several acres of land, including the lot on which his residence is situated, in the town of Greenwood. His will directs, so we are informed, that his executor shall erect a cottage on the grounds of the Orphanage to be known as the Maxwell Building in which shall be placed portraits of himself, of Mrs. Maxwell, and of his deceased daughter, Connie Maxwell.

The generous nature which inspired his bequests to the institution and the interest which he had taken in it from its beginning, was one of Dr. Maxwell's most striking characteristics. He was universally beloved. His kindness to children was proverbial, and drew them to him with striking fondness. His great popularity in his community was due to this kindliness and affability of his nature. His generosity of soul was clearly exhibited even when his own views and those of others were not in harmony. As a member of the Board of Trustees and for several years its President, he evinced the deepest concern for the success of the Orphanage, and in his relation to it exhibited a broadness of mind and an unselfishness of spirit which are commendable to all who engage seriously and wisely in the helping of humanity.

Let us hope that the institution which bears the name of the dear child of whom an all-wise Providence deprived him in her early years, may not only serve as a memorial of her name and of parental affection, but may also more than fulfill the beneficent hopes of its noble patron, in long and worthily dispensing its hospitable care upon the fatherless youth of our State May this institution be a worthy memorial of the kind heart of its largest benefactor, and live to stimulate and cultivate in a yet larger circle that charitable generosity which was so manifest in the life of our deceased friend.

CHILDREN.

We have received 28 children since last report. These added to the 114 reported last year make 142 children handled in twelve months. Of this number 26 have gone out, leaving us 116. These are cared for in five "Homes" by seven ladies.

They are, for the most part, strong, healthy children. While these children give evidence of careful training, your Board is convinced that better work can be done when our equipment is more complete. Of course our institution cannot be full grown in eight short years. Much has been done, and much remains to be done before our facilities for work are complete. The spiritual condition of these children is now promising good results. Some eight or ten are voluntary candidates for public profession and baptism. May the Lord Jesus direct them aright.

SCHOOL.

One hundred and ten of these children are in school five hours per day for eleven months of the year. The teachers report them as making

good progress in their studies. The ninth grade, sixteen in number, have completed during the past year the course, and gone out to work for themselves. These sixteen children will some day bear testimony to the blessedness of this work. We have now seven grades, taught by three teachers, each doing her best for the children in her charge. These children need very much to have their library enlarged, so that reading books, suitable for children, may be in their reach as their primary education advances. Who will honor himself and help this great charity by erecting a building for this purpose?

BUILDING.

We have erected and equipped a tayloring establishment this year at a cost of about three hundred and fifty dollars, not including some material on hand. This building is a great help to our girls who make much of the clothing worn in the institution. This building, with its furniture, together with repairs on two of the homes, has made a necessary outlay of about five hundred dollars.

FARM.

In common with our neighbors, we have suffered from a severe drouth, so that our farm has not paid us. After diligent cultivation, we have poor crops, probably not more than one-fifth of former years. Our farmer, W. P. Thomason, has put forth diligent effort for better results.

FINANCIAL.

The last twelve months has been, probably, the hardest financial year our Orphanage has seen. Several conditions conformed to this end. Our large cash balance at last Convention made the impression, "The Orphanage does not need money." That stubborn debt on our State Mission Board, sent funds more liberally in that direction. The winter and summer were both unfavorable to collections, the winter so wet as to make country congregations frequently impracticable, the summer so dry as to discourage contributions. Last year we received $250 from the public school fund of this county; this year we were ruled out by the law on this subject. Last year we sold $305.28 worth of cotton; this year we planted none. Last year Mr. Smith gave us a special contribution of $2,500; this year our special in bequests is only $540.84, making a deficit in receipts, as compared with last year, of two thousand, five hundred and twenty-five dollars—certainly due to no falling off of interest. But we are not bankrupt by this deficit. All bills are paid except some small ones for this current month, not yet presented, and, as can be seen from our treasurer's balance sheet, a cash balance of $1,655.60 in bank. For this we are profoundly grateful.

BEQUESTS.

It is the pleasure of your Board to report two bequests since our last report. (1) The first is by Rev. S. A. Gary of Pickens county. He left us by will, at the death of his wife, $100.00. Sister Gary passed to her reward last year. The settling of the estate will require three years, so that our part of it will come to us in three annual payments. The

first payment of thirty dollars was remitted by Executor E. S. Griffin in March last. (2) Mr. A. M. Woods, of Sumter county, S. C., died ——— ——. He left his entire estate, except a small tract of land, to Connie Maxwell Orphanage. We will probably realize about $3,000 from this estate. The will requires that it shall be invested for ten years and only the interest accruing go to the Orphanage. After ten years the entire estate shall be turned over to the Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage, to be used as they shall deem best. The executors of this will have kindly offered to settle up this estate and to collect and turn over to your Board for investment. The $11.84 reported elsewhere is from the estate of Judge Pressley—the will reported last year.

We are glad to report that the outlook for this work is encouraging, and before we close we wish to record here our heartfelt gratitude to all friends for helping on in this great charity. Many have contributed liberally and gladly. We extend special thanks to railroads and newspapers for special aid, and to all others who have helped in this good cause.

We regret to report that at our July meeting our Superintendent tendered his resignation, to take effect October 1st, or at the discretion of the Board. After thorough and earnest discussion of the subject, the Board declined to accept it.

S. B. EZELL, President.

A. B. STALLWORTH, Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

J. L VASS, Treasurer, in account with Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

1899.		Dr.	
Nov. 30.	To amount cash, brought forward	$	2628 88
	Collections		4682 70
	Three bequests		541 84
	Interest on invested funds		12 61
	Total cash	$	7866 03
	Contributions in kind (estimated)	$	1985 07
	Total	$	9851 10
		Cr.	
Nov. 30.	By cash, Superintendent, teachers and matrons	$	2640 00
	Mr. W. P. Thomason, farmer		300 00
	Provisions, clothing, books, medicine, etc.		3312 46
	Traveling exp. for Supt., Board, children		173 81
	Postage, printing and stationery		125 14
	Freight, drayage and express		47 90
	Labor		246 20
	Farm and garden and implements		292 50

Nov. 30.	By cash, Telephone	$	18 00
	Building		267 99
	Repairs and painting, etc		168 95
	Insurance		116 00
	Dr. J. C. Maxwell, annuity on land		200 00
	Furnishing		256 55
	Total	$	8195 50
	Balance in Greenwood Bank	$	1655 60
	Total	$	9851 10

I have examined the above report and find it correct with all necessary vouchers. A. B. STALLWORTH, Auditor.

Report on the Report of the Trustees of the Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

An examination of the report reveals to us the fact that the institution is in a flourishing condition. There are two more children in the institution this year than last, despite the fact that twenty-six children were sent out during the year. There are also one hundred and ten children in the seven grades of the school. Eight or ten of this number have made a profession of faith during the year. The financial condition is a matter of congratulation. All bills are paid, and there is a cash balance of sixteen hundred and fifty dollars. Besides a gift of five hundred and forty dollars and eighty cents, already in hand, there is also a bequest, estimated at about three thousand dollars, soon to be realized.

The report calls attention to the death of Dr. J. C. Maxwell, the largest benefactor of the institution. His abiding interest in the Orphanage is manifested in the provision made in his will for the erection of an additional structure to be known as the Maxwell building. This will be a lasting memorial of his generosity and love for the institution.

We endorse the recommendation of the trustees for the erection, as soon as possible, of a suitable Library building. This we believe to be an absolute necessity.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. COVINGTON.
H. C. BUCHHOLZ.
B. P. ROBERTSON.
A. C. WILKINS.
L. M. RICE.

Report on Ministerial Education.

In some respects the work of the Board has been satisfactory. During the last session we aided seventeen students in their courses. Undoubtedly some of these could not have remained at school without this timely aid.

By reference to the Treasurer's Report, herewith submitted, you can see that we have expended in all $515.22. Not more than fifty dollars was given to any one student; much of what was given went in payment of tuition.

At the opening of the present session the outlook for money was so gloomy that the Board was not called together until two weeks after the session opened, and even then we found only about $30.00 on hand.

We now have on hand $148.52 in bank. Seventeen students have applied for help. Most of them are asking for tuition, room rent and incidentals. Some others must have more and they are among our best students.

The Board has not seen its way clear to make any appropriations at all for this session, but it is indulging the hope that soon the churches will send funds sufficient to meet the urgent demands of the work.

We regret to state during the months of May and June and the closing weeks of the last session of the University, we were entirely out of funds, and but for the help of a brother whose bank we were doing business with, the young men we were helping could not have finished the session. We are glad to report that we are now out of debt and that we have an opportunity still to be useful, if the Baptists of the State desire to use us any longer.

There are many difficulties connected with this work; so much so that some of our wisest and most conservative brethren doubt the propriety of continuing the Board any longer. But there are some features of our educational work in this State which make it imperative that the Baptists do something for Ministerial Education. Friends outside the State who are helping our ministerial students demand of the University that at least their tuition be given them. Besides, other colleges, both State and denominational, are liberal to this class, offering free tuition. We cannot be liberal unless contributions for this purpose be ample.

We must sustain this Board or else the University will suffer in patronage and in the respect of liberal-minded men abroad who are interested in us.

We have on hand only $148.52. We have been asked by the students for aid to the extent of $520.00. You can see how much we need today.

We look to the Covention for help; let us not look in vain.

Respectfully submitted.

PRESIDENT BOARD MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Treasurer's Report of Ministerial Education.

WILLIAM GOLDSMITH, JR., Treasurer Board Ministerial Education Baptist State Convention of South Carolina:

1898.	DR.	
Nov. 29.	Balance cash on hand	$314 44
	Contributions received from Associations:	
	Abbeville	14 24
	Aiken	.....
	Barnwell	31 83
	Beaverdam	.....
	Broad River	1 05
	Charleston	21 75
	Chester	25 63
	Chesterfield	1 60
	Colleton	.....
	Dorchester	.....
	Edgefield	.....
	Edisto	2 93
	Fairfield	1 65
	Florence	2 15
	Greenville	70 70
	Lake Swamp	.....
	Laurens	7 99
	Lexington	.....
	Moriah	5 10
	North Greenville	10 86
	Orangeburg	.....
	Pee Dee	35 15
	Piedmont	.....
	Reedy River	13 31
	Ridge	21 60
	Saluda	15 44
	Santee	10 00
	Savannah River	1 50
	Southeast	4 35
	Spartanburg	29 96
	Twelve Mile River	.....
	Union County	3 50
	Waccamaw	1 50
	Welsh Neck	9 34
	York	6 12
	Total collections, Nov., '98 to Nov. 25, '99	$349 30
	Total on hand Nov., '98, and col. to date, Nov. 25, '99	$663 74

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Paid, D. E. Millichamp's board, $43 49; room rent, $5 00	$ 48	49
W. S. Hough's tuition, $25.00; room rent, $5.00; incident, $10.	40	00
C. H. Holland's board	41	89
Tuition, G. M. Sexton	12	50
F. R. Rhodes' tuition, $12.50; room rent, $10; incident, $5	27	50
F. T. Cox's tuition	12	50
J. E. Crim's board	18	81
J. C Lawson's board, $14.52; room rent, $5; tuition, $12.50; incident. $5	37	02
W. J. Wilder's board, $12.67; tuition, $12.50	25	17
J. H. Strong's board, $37.15; room rent, $10; incident, $10	57	15
M. H. White's board, $13 05; tuition, $12.50; room rent, $3; incident, $5	33	55
W. L. Newby's tuition, $25; room rent, $10; incident, $10	45	00
D. D. Richardson's tuition	25	00
H. C. Haddock's incidentals	10	00
J. E. Breakfield's tuition, $12.50; room rent, $5	17	50
J. A. Hunter's board	43	49
J. C. West's board	5	94
Keys & Thomas for printing Minutes	6	00
Postage, interest, Rev., Receipt and Record Book, etc	2	74
W. J. Langston for circulars	1	00
Keys & Thomas for printing and stamps	3	97
Balance cash in Bank	148	52
Total	$663	74

Respectfully submitted.

WM. GOLDSMITH, JR.,
Treas. Board Ministerial Education.

I have examined the above account and find it correct, with proper vouchers.

H. T. COOK,
Auditor S. C. B. S. Convention.

Nov. 28, 1899.

Average contribution from 25 Associations, $13.97 1-5c. each.

Average contribution from 10 associations, none.

Average contribution per church from 910 churches in South Carolina, 38 1-3c. each.

Average contribution per member from 94,236 members in South Carolina, 3 7-10 mills per member.

Received by Wm. Goldsmith, Treasurer Board Ministerial Education since books were closed Nov. 25, 1899:

Nov. 27.	Aiken Association, by J. U. Rives, Treasurer.....	$10 00
	Chester Association, by T. A. McNinch, Treas. Liberty ch.	5 00
	Florence Association, W. J. Brown, Treas. Florence ch..	10 00
	Reedy River Association, J. W. Blanton, Cross Hill ch...	2 67
	Reedy River Association, J. W. Blanton, Bethel ch.....	1 35
	Laurens Association, J. W. Blanton for Cross Hill ch....	2 67
	Spartanburg Association, J. T. Gentry, Fair Forest ch...	4 83
	Total	$34 85

The above amounts will be included in next annual report of this Board.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. GOLDSMITH, JR.
Treas. Board M. E.

Report on Report of Board of Ministerial Education.

Your Committee to whom was submitted the report on Ministerial Education beg leave to submit the following:

We recommend the adoption of the report as submitted by the President of the Board. That the Board be continued, and that in view of important reasons suggested in the report, liberal contributions be made for the work of this Board that will be adequate to the demands of so worthy and righteous a cause.

Respectfully submitted.

H. K. EZELL, for Com.

Report of Central Committee of Woman's Missionary Societies.

We have received during the year ending October 1, 1899, $4,876.83, from two hundred and twenty-three Woman's Missionary Societies and fifty-two Children's Mission Bands, which was appropriated as follows: Foreign Missions, $2,974.04; Home Missions, $1,107.62; State Missions $676.26; Sunday School Board, $27.12; stationery, postage and printing expenses of Central Committee, $86.79. In addition to these cash contributions, boxes valued at $1,246.44 have been sent to twenty-three missionaries of the Home Mission Board and $114.19 to four missionaries of the Sunday School Board. In comparison with that of last year, this report shows an increase in contributions for Home Missions, a decrease for Foreign Missions, and very nearly the same amount for State Missions. Our receipts for the Sunday School Board are, as yet, quite small. Heretofore we have made no special effort to have contributions of Bands and Sunday Schools for this Board sent through the Central Committee, though we have distributed their literature as well as that of the Foreign, Home and State Boards, but after this we will ask that these contributions shall be sent to us that we may know what is accomplished by our work for this Board.

We regret to note the smaller number of Children's Bands contributing this year, and we beg that special encouragement be given by the brethren to this branch of our work, for we believe that the training received by the boys and girls in the Bands not only develops in them the grace of liberality, but fits them for greater efficiency in all branches of church work. The number of Woman's Missionary Societies contributing this year is greater than last, and we believe there are signs of healthy growth in our work. In some Associations where very little interest has been shown heretofore, Societies are being organized, and here and there over the State workers who have received some training for their work are being found and pressed into service. We have distributed a large quantity of literature, written many letters, and have continued the Woman's Missionary Department in The Baptist Courier. The vice presidents have arranged for and held general meetings in fifteen of the Associations, with interesting and helpful programs, and have been earnest and faithful in their work.

In January, 1900, it will be twenty-five years since the Central Committee of South Carolina began its work. While we realize that there is yet much to be done before we reach our aim (for only two hundred and twenty-three of the nine hundred Baptist churches of South Carolina are represented in our report this year), as we look back and see the growth and development of the missionary spirit in the Baptist women and what has been accomplished by them, we can set up our Ebenezer and say with grateful hearts, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

CENTRAL COM. W. M. S.

Report on Report of Central Committee W. M. Societies.

It is right that this Convention should unite with the Central Committee in singing a song of praise for what God has permitted the women of South Carolina to do for him within the past twenty-five years. In their modest report they say not a word of their influence upon other States, nor hint once at a fact which many of us well remember, that they were the leaders of all the States within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention in this Woman's Missionary Movement. Surely they have great reason to thank God and take courage, and we have great reason to encourage and "help these women who labor with us in the Lord."

While they report a falling off of contributions to some departments of their work, the sum total to all the objects they foster is $126.96 greater than that of last year. This fact calls for gratitude.

There is in their report another fact to which your Committee would call attention: They have during this year entered another new field of labor: they have taken the Sunday School Board under the shadow of their wing; and, though they have given this Board but little so far, yet the omen is a good one. When they began their work twenty-five years ago, and for some time afterwards, they thought it wise to confine their

labors to Foreign Missions. Now they are gladly working with the Foreign, Home and State Mission Boards and, last but not least, with the Sunday School Board. This simply means that they are doing like all other educational institutions as the years go by. They are broadening their curriculum; they are raising their standard and bringing it up to that which our Lord bids us look upon when he says: "The field is the world" These women are the truest and the noblest educators for our children, and many thousands of grown men and women need to be enrolled as their pupils. Let us, therefore, heed their earnest request that we encourage the formation of Children's Bands in every community. There should be no falling off in this part of their work. These Bands of children, thoroughly educated for Jesus, are to make evident in the churches of the twentieth century the crowning glory of this work of the women. Shall we say, "This work of the women?" Better say, this work of the churches, left undone too long by the men and the women. The fact that during twenty-five years these faithful women have been able to organize woman societies in only one-fourth of the Baptist churches of South Carolina is a distressing call for education. Let there be sought out more mothers who will educate their children for Jesus, the king of all the earth.

In conclusion, your Committee beg leave to recommend that this Convention be so thoughtful of and so kind to these women in their work that the Central Committee and all their co-workers shall be constrained to say what Ruth said to Naomi: "Where thou goest I will go and where thou lodgest I will lodge."

Respectfully submitted.

I. W. WINGO,
J. O. GOUGH,
C. C. VAUGHAN,
F. O. S. CURTIS,
J. R. AIKEN,
Committee.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Few things are more discouraging to one engaged in an important work that should interest and engage many, than to feel that he stands alone; or, if not alone, that so few are co-operating and supporting him that there is little prospect of success in his undertaking.

Emphatically is this true in mission work. The harvest is great, very great.—the laborers are few, very few. The millions of the heathen world are almost countless. The number of laborers of whom we have personal knowledge, that are going abroad to endeavor to turn those myriads of heathen to God, is so small, we can but ask, What are these among so many? The darkness is so dense, and the lights, within our range of vision, so few and so dim, we question within ourselves, Is this the light that is to lighten every man that cometh into the world? And when we contemplate the vastness of the work of Christianizing the heathen world, the smallness of our offerings for that purpose, the

fewness of the workers we send forth, and the limited results of their labors, we are constrained to cry out, How long, O Lord, how long! When we thus look out upon the heathen world, and the little we can do to transform it, we see nothing left for us but to fall back upon the divine promise that the nations shall be given to the Lord and to his Christ, with little else to base our hopes upon than a divine promise.

But the Lord does not leave us to his promises only, on which to base our hope or encourage us in obedience and effort. When Elijah thought that he only was left of all God's servants he was assured, for his encouragement, that though he knew it not, there were yet seven thousand that were with him in worship and work. One man, however well armed, will retreat if solitary and alone he faces a whole hostile army corps. But when he knows that a host of men, tried and true, stand shoulder to shoulder with him in line of battle, he will stand the firmest and fight the bravest.

So in our attempted conquest of the heathen world. As with Elijah at Horeb, it strengthens faith, it gives assurance, it nerves anew for effort, to know that we are only a fractional part of the Lord's host; that a great multitude are with us in the same conflict; and, though we may not have known it, we, with them, are steadily moving on to victory.

Instead, therefore, of a few commonplaces with regard to the importance of the work, or of exhortation to greater effort in it, we propose to take a brief but world-wide view of mission work in the Master's great harvest field.

We shall give facts and figures; not that we anticipate that an effort will be made to remember the figures, but simply to impress upon mind and heart the magnitude of the work of world evangelization in these latter days, and to cheer us on and prompt us to greater devotion and larger effort in our humble part thereof.

The era of modern Christian missions lies practically within the century now closing.

The Presbyterians of America had done in the preceding century a limited but excellent work through John and David Brainerd, but in their own land and within the English colonies. The Dutch and the Danes had begun a work on a small scale in their East India colonies. The Moravians as early as 1732 had begun a most Christlike work among the Negro slaves of the West Indies, and then years after a like work in Greenland. They attempted to work also in South America, Labrador, Persia, Egypt, and South Africa, going of preference to the lowliest of the earth, but keeping for the most part under the protection of the European government.

The great missionary societies that are now, to no small extent, dotting the whole earth with their missions, had their origin just at the close of the last century or in the early years of the present century.

The first of the societies that was organized especially for work among the heathen was the Baptist Missionary Society of England. It was organized for the furtherance of the work proposed by William Carey, at Kettering, in 1793.

The next in turn of organizations was the London Missionary Society in 1795. It was expressly declared to be a society of the dissenting churches of England not Baptists. They were incited to action by the organization of the Baptist Missionary Society two years before.

The missionary spirit was developing, and beginning to pervade the established church. As the result of the increasing conviction that the Gospel should be given to the heathen, a conviction pressed upon the Christian conscience by the work begun by the Baptists and taken up by the other dissenting bodies, the Church Mission Society was organized by the Established Church of England four years later, in 1799, just one hundred years ago.

In 1806, Judson and his associates met for prayer and guidance by the hay-stack in the field near Williams College at Williamstown, Mass. Out of this grew, in 1810, the organization of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, for the support of Judson and associates in an Asiatic mission.

One year later, in 1811, the Wesleyan Missionary Society, of the English Methodists, began its operations.

Judson's change of views, on his passage to India, of the teachings and requirements of the New Testament in regard to baptism, and his consequent identification of himself with the Baptists, led him to decline further support from the American Board that had sent him out, and to throw himself upon the sympathy and support of the American Baptists. As a result the first foreign missionary society of American Baptists was organized at Philadelphia in 1814. Twenty-six ministers and seven laymen constituted the entire convention called together for that purpose. Those were the days of small things, of beginnings; but growth, marvelous growth, was in store for the coming years.

The Methodists of the United States did not organize for missions to the heathen until 1819.

The English Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, one of the most aggressive of missionary bodies, was organized as early as 1701; but it contemplated work among English speaking people in the English colonies only. It was not until 1826, after all these other societies were in operation, that it began work among heathen peoples.

The work thus begun in the closing years of the last century and the earlier years of this century, in obedience to the Great Commission, has gone on widening and deepening until it has characterized this century as the missionary century of the ages; second, if to any, only to the first and second centuries of the Christian era when missionary labor, received its impulse from inspired apostolic teaching and apostolic miracles.

What then at the close of this century is the missionary outlook?

The number of missionary societies now sending forth and supporting Protestant, Christian missionaries in heathen lands, who are preaching the Gospel, translating, teaching, and in various ways working for the Christianizing of those lands, as given in the Foreign Mission Journal or March 1899, is as follows:

Missionary societies in the United States, 32; Canada, 6; Great Britain, 28; Germany, 16; Europe, except Germany, 61; Asia, Australia and Africa, 99. Total, 242.

There are thus two hundred and forty-two societies collecting funds, selecting, appointing, sending out, and supporting chosen Christian men and women for the conversion of the heathen world.

It is now a pertinent inquiry, In what countries are these societies operating, how large an aggressive force are they maintaining in the field, what is the evidence of substantial progress in native help given, and from how many points of attack are they pressing the battle?

In the following figures we omit altogether mission work among the nominally Christian populations of Europe and among the American Indians.

COUNTRIES.	No. Societies Operating.	No. Ordained Missionaries.	No. Ordained Native Ministers.	No. Sations Occupied.	Christian Helpers not Ordained.
Africa	43	611	153	1352	....
India	40	816	912	4223	....
China	30	537	247	1071	....
Japan	18	600	131	422	....
Turkey	11	98	117	402	....
West Indies	10	112	488	289	....
Islands of the Pacific	8	44	391	154	....
South America	7	142	47	140	....
Australia and New Zeland	6	171	....	90	....
Madagascar	3	57	1166	1250	....
Persia	3	22	44	11	....
Sandwich Islands	2	46	447	211	....
Central America	2	22	6	15	....
Korea	2	17	2	28	....
Siam	1	13	1	5	....
Arabia	1	1	..	1	....
Egypt	1	14	12	100	....
Greenland	1	16	..	6	....
Labrador	1	38	..	6	....

For the most part these figures are for the year 1890. Yet here is a sum total of 52,408 Christian missionary workers. In that year there were churches of converted native Christians in these mission fields to the nummber of 5,521, with 735,911 communicants. Surely this is a stupendous and world-wide work.

But the work has been greatly enlarged since 1890. Other missionary societies have entered the fields, new stations have been opened in nearly all the missions, many new fields have been occupid, and the missionary force has been greatly increased. Our work, then, grand and blessed as it is, is but a small fractional part of the grand work. Let us,

instead of being discouraged, or losing hope, view the work of modern Christian missions in its magnificent totality, and take courage, and go forward with new faith and new zeal.

The cost of this work for the year 1890 was the enormous sum of $13,123,348. Nearly all of this great sum was the voluntary gifts of Christian people for the world's conversion.

All the large societies have received greatly increased offerings within the last ten years. Not only would present facts present a greatly enlarged work, but greatly increased offerings that have made that enlargement possible. It is estimated that the appropriations for Christian missions to the heathen for the current year will not vary much from $20,000,000.

Our own Baptist foreign mission organizations of the United States—the Missionary Union of the Northern Baptists and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptists—these two organizations alone reported last year 2,914 missionaries in their employ, 1,915 organized mission churches, and 13,948 converts baptized within the year, with an expenditure of $735,760.91. These marvelous figures will enable us to form some adequate estimate of the magnitude of the work American Baptists are doing for the conversion of the world.

But the results of such work can by no means be even approximately tabulated or stated in figures. Multitudes, by the tens of thousands, of converted heathen, have finished their course and are wearing their crown. Christian ideas and Christian principles have permeated and are leavening the nations. Many of us remember well when the burden of the prayers of the fathers was that God would open the doors of the nations that were closed against the entrance of the missionary and let the light of the Gospel come in. We no longer hear that prayer. It has been answered. God has opened the doors. There are far more calls for the missionary from the heathen peoples themselves, from almost all parts of the heathen world, than all the organizations with all their men and money, are able to respond to.

Moreover, the moral and social, and the civil and political condition of nations have been revolutionized by the incoming of the missionary. Madagascar and Hawaii and other of the isles of the sea, that at the opening of the century were in the deepest depths of the vilest forms of paganism, are now more Christian than parts of Christian Europe. Japan, that was not entered until 1857, has over 40,000 Christians, a constitution, a congress, a code of laws, a judiciary, and a most admirable system of public schools, all formed after the models of the most advanced Christian nations, and sends as ambassador to the United States one of her ablest statesmen, a Christian man, educated at an English university. China, that was closed to all the world, is as open to the preaching of the Gospel in every province as any part of our own land. British India, that drove Carey to take shelter and begin his work under the Portuguese flag, is dotted with Christian churches and the missionary is now as safe among its 400,000,000 of people as in England itself.

Burmah, that suspended Judson by the feet night after night in the prison pen of Oung Penla, is now under Christian government, with Christian laws and Christian institutions. Africa, that, at the opening of the century, excepting fractional parts of the extreme north and the extreme south, was a *terra incognita*, untouched by civilized man, except on the marginal fringe, and that only to plunder and rob, is now in all its parts rapidly coming under Christian governments, with steamboats and railroads penetrating its deepest recesses and a Christian nation springing with leaps and bounds into a vigorous life in the very heart of the continent at Uganda, where 4,000 copies of the Word of God were sold last year. This most marvelous progress through the century toward a world-wide Christianity has not been spasmodic, but slow, steady and uniform; but more rapid during the last half of the century.

The first general Mission Conference, for missionaries and officers of missionary societies, was held in Liverpool in 1860. It was attended by 129 officers and missionaries. The second conference was held at Mildmay Park, near London, in 1878, with 158 in attendance. The third was held in London in 1888 with 1,576 officers and missionaries in attendance. At the first of these conferences, not a woman missionary appeared. At the second there were but two At the the third, in 1888, there were 429 women missionaries enrolled. At the first there were but twenty-five societies represented; at the second there were thirty-seven societies; at the third representatives of 139 missionary societies were in attendance. Thus gradually, year after year, the interest increases and the work enlarges. And in April next the fourth and greatest ecumenical missionary conference the world has ever seen will convene in New York, to plan still greater things for the conquest of the world.

In furtherance of this wondrous work the Bible has been translated in 111 languages, the New Testament only into ninety-four other languages, and portions of the Bible into 204,—a total of 406 languages into which the Word of God, in whole or in part, has been translated. By far the greater part of this placing the Word of God into the hands of the heathen world, has been done within the present century.

Who with these facts before him can for a moment believe that Christianity is losing ground? Who can doubt the ultimate fulfillment of the divine promise that "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea?" Who can be content to be so unbelieving with reference to a divine promise, so disobedient to the last command of his Lord and Redeemer, so recreant to a God-given trust, as to have no part nor lot with this mighty host as a worker together with God in the redemption of the world?

Like a mighty army
Moves the church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod.

Onward, then, ye people,
Join our happy throng;
Blend with our's your voices
In the triumph song.

Glory, laud. and honor,
Unto Christ the King;
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing.

Respectfully submitted. A. C. OSBORN, for Com.

Report on Home Missions.

The fifty-fourth annual report of the Home Mission Board, presented to the Convention last May, brings before us some very gratifying and stimulating facts. The numbers of missionaries employed was 653 against 467 last year. The number of baptisms was 6,552 against 4,739 last year. Total additions to the churches 12,983 against 9,509 last year. There were organized 512 Sunday schools, with 14,768 teachers and pupils, against 297 with 7,710 teachers and pupils last year. Then, too, the financial showing is, under all the conditions, very creditable to the Board. The clash of arms with Spain came near bringing on a financial panic, and the floods and freezes depressed and impoverished our people. And yet, in spite of all this, the Board raised and expended $61,794.58 against $54,050.41; a cash increase from the States of $7,744.17 over last year. The churches in South Carolina sent to the Board $4,361.93 in cash and boxes to frontier missionaries valued at $1,193.44.

The Board calls for $100,000 in cash for the work during this Convention year, which would require an increase in cash contributions of $38,205.42. Of this increase South Carolina should furnish at least $1,500. A little extra effort on the part of our pastors will secure this amount. Let us remember that the demands upon our Board have been greatly increased by the results of the war with Spain, as well as by constant accessions to our frontier population from foreign lands. The work of spreading the Gospel among our own people is only fairly begun. Much remains to be done. Our frontier mission alone, beginning as it does at the Kansas line and running southward to the Rio Grande, and thence along that river to the sea, is a territory a thousand miles long and five hundred miles wide. Some of the most productive lands on the continent are found in this area, and the country is being rapidly settled by an enterprising people. These people must have the Gospel, and it is specially the mission of Southern Baptists to give it to them. The work of the Board is wisely managed and has been greatly blessed of the Lord, and this should commend it to our churches and enlist the interest of all our people.

The Board is to be congratulated on securing the services of Dr. F. H. Kerfoot as Corresponding Secretary, while they retain our honored brother, Dr. Tichenor, as emeritus secretary. The former gives to the work the vigor and strength of his mature manhood, and the latter the wisdom of age and the valuable experience of sixteen years of service as Secretary of the Board.

Respectfully submitted. W. A. PEARSON.

Report on Education.

We, the Baptists of South Carolina, have cause for profound gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings which he has bestowed upon our institutions of learning.

Information comes that the fitting schools and academies, under the government of certain associations, and other schools whose principals and many of whose teachers are Baptists, are prospering, and we learn that Limestone College, which is mainly under the control of Baptist trustees, is having a successful year. We welcome to our State and to the work of our denomination the worthy brother and cultured educator who has been recently called to the Presidency of Limestone College.

The President of the Greenville Female College states to your Committee that the institution over which he presides is enjoying a season of marked success and prosperity; that more room is urgently needed for the accommodation of students; that the character of the work done will stand the closest comparison with that of any other female college in the South; that the various departments are presided over by skilled, competent, and devoted teachers: that the attendance has steadily increased during the past five years, the present enrollment is very large and that the number of boarding pupils exceeds that of last year; and there has never been a death in the college during its history of nearly fifty years.

Furman University, the head of the Baptist educational system of South Carolina, is numerically stronger than it has ever been, save once, at this time of the academic year, while its present record in the matter of instruction and of the moral side of student life has never been surpassed in its history,—a fact which visits to the class rooms and some time spent among the students will clearly attest. Professors and students are, without display or ostentation, doing earnest, thorough work, which will have strong influence upon the educational life of our State. It is worthy of remark that the ministerial students are, without exception, studying with fidelity and success, some of them being among the leaders in their classes, while all of them are leading lives that commend them to the respect of their fellow-students and of all with whom they are brought into contact. Both Furman and the Greenville Female College have reason to be proud of their graduates. To these graduates, alumni and alumnæ, the two institutions owe a large debt of gratitude; to them, as to other friends, they look for support, for sympathy, for encouragement. In their lives and deeds the two colleges furnish their best and highest credentials.

Much has been accomplished; far more awaits our efforts.

Our educational past, in which metes and bounds once set, were by far seeing wisdom and sacrifice, time and again removed, to mark a larger space for training minds and moulding characters, gives to us both encouragement and exhortation; in the educational activity and success of our day we find incentive, while in the social, political, and spiritual

unrest of our time, plain to him who reads and thinks, we see solemn warning; the almost limitless possibilities of the future, possibilities for good and for evil, demand of us prayerful thought and preparation; and also sacrifice, the logical result of the former, as it is the essential of the latter.

It becomes the Baptists of South Carolina, as the leading denomination of our State, to initiate with discretion, and yet with strong purpose and firmness, movements looking to the advancement of education and improvements in educational systems.

While higher education is important, so important that it properly makes heavy demands upon our thought and our generosity, lower or general education is more important. It is essential to the development and real prosperity of a people that the masses be educated; and from general education will come the desire and the purpose of the many to go higher and higher in the scale of education. To cultivate the top to the neglect of roots and base, is as unwise in education as it is in agriculture. As great and strong as the University of Virginia has been and as it is today, the tendency in the South, since the foundation of that institution, has been to nourish the higher to the detriment of the lower.

The first and greatest educational need in our State is a vast improvement in the public school system. While much has been done during the past twenty years, the condition of the public schools in general is both pitiable and unsatisfactory. The comparatively small and totally inadequate appropriations to these schools permit the employment of but few competent teachers and do not in many sections allow a session of more than three or four months. The result is, that a large majority of our boys and girls, when eighteen or nineteen years of age, reach that point in education which they should attain when thirteen or fourteen.

Should any be enclined to doubt this statement, they would be convinced of its accuracy, should they read letters, full of mistakes in spelling and grammar, from young men, scarcely prepared for entrance into the sixth class of a respectful graded school, who desire to be admitted at once to college.

Our second great need in education is the establishment of more good fitting schools or academies. The solution of the problem of higher education in South Carolina will, to a large extent, be found in the advancement of secondary education. When fitting schools shall have been multiplied and instruction therein shall have been made more thorough, the freshman class of our colleges will cease to be a preparatory grade and higher work will be done throughout the college course. The high school that makes thorough preparation for college, that elevates the general tone of secondary education in the South, that, content with the high and honorable name of a fitting school, gives our young people sound training in the subjects that constitute the foundation of a broad and liberal education, is doing for learning a service in which some of the most famous educators of the world have won their

reputation and have merited the gratitude of all who realize the tremendous influence which these schools exert in the domain of letters.

The men who are today developing this great work in our State deserve our highest respect and our constant co-operation.

The third great need in education will be met by more liberal and more general support of our colleges, and this support, to be effective, must be in patronage and in money. We believe it to be the duty of Baptists to send their sons and daughters to their own institutions. The Baptist colleges of South Carolina give as sound and as thorough education as any other colleges; and, therefore, they appeal for patronage upon the ground of merit, as well as of high study. The benefits of such support will be reciprocal. The stronger and the more influential our institutions, the more progressive will our denomination be; the wider its field of usefulness.

Again, a Baptist, educated in a Baptist college, will always be in closer touch with his denomination, with its aims and its spirit, than one trained in a pedobaptist school. In the next place, during the last decade enormous sums of money have been given to private or denominational colleges in the North and West; and thus these institutions have been enabled to meet every real educational demand of our time. Our own colleges in South Carolina need far more money than they now receive. Missions are of the utmost importance, and we would gladly see the amounts given them doubled; but the denominational college and the Seminary, the nurseries for the mission fields, are of equal importance. Have our people, during the last Convention year, given as much to their educational institutions as they have contributed to missions? We beg that you will consult the financial table given in the last issue of the Convention Minutes and there read the answer to this question. We feel it to be both our duty and our privilege to commend to the sympathy and prayers of our people the work performed in Benedict College by President Osborn and his associates. The purposes of our Brother Osborn are high and noble, his labors faithful and successful, and the influence of his school salutary. Such work as his will be an important factor in the happy solution of the race problem.

We rejoice in the continued success of our Seminary at Louisville, and we wish to assure President Mullins and his colleagues of our sympathy and our loyalty. We believe it to be the duty, as we feel sure that it will be the pleasure, of every Baptist in our State to use his influence to the end that our young men who are called to preach may pursue their studies in the Seminary, whose diploma should be regarded by every Baptist ministerial student in the South as the crowning honor of his course.

Believing the statements already set forth to be true and the views expressed to be fair and reasonable, in order that something more substantial than discussion, which, however, is invited, may be the result, we respectfully present to the Convention the following recommendations:

I. That our brethren use their influence to the end that much larger appropriations be made for the extension and better maintenance of the public school system of our State and that, in every way, they encourage and foster the common schools.

II. That every Association able to maintain a high school or academy, and not now having such school under its direction and watch-care, be urged to establish, as soon as shall be practicable, a high school, which shall, as far as possible, be in affiliation with the colleges under the management of this Convention.

III. That the pastors and officers of every Baptist church in South Carolina be requested to make and keep a record of all boys and girls in their congregations who may reasonably be expected to attend college, that they send copies of this record to the presidents of our Baptist colleges, who will thus be brought into correspondence with hundreds of possible students, and that the pastors and church officers be asked also to use every effort to send these boys and girls to their own institutions of learning.

IV. That every church be requested to have, at least once in four months, an educational day, during which speeches concerning education and our institutions shall be made, catalogues of our high schools and colleges shall be distributed, and a collection be taken for Christian education; and, moreover, that one of these educational mass-meetings be held on a fifth Sunday.

V. That our people throughout the State, whenever they shall be in the vicinity of a Baptist school or college, be requested to visit the institution, examine its methods, and thus study for themselves the advantages offered, in order that acquaintance therewith may enable them to speak with knowledge concerning its character, and that they may be more closely bound to the school in which they should feel an abiding interest.

VI. That a committee of three be appointed at this meeting of the Convention, whose duty it shall be to prepare a work upon Baptist education in South Carolina; that Professor Cook, of Furman University, who has collected many papers upon this subject, be made chairman of this committee; and that the proceeds from the sale of this book shall, after the payment of the expenses of publication, be given to the ministerial fund of Furman University and of the Seminary at Louisville.

VII. That all of our people, who can afford to do so, be requested to subscribe for any publication, such as "The Furman Echo," issued by the schools and colleges of our denomination.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally presented.

A. P. MONTAGUE.

Report of Committee on Obituaries.

Your Committee on Obituaries are glad that the death roll is not so long this year as last, so far as has been brought to light. Yet several most excellent and valuable workers in the Master's vineyard have this year been promoted to a higher, more glorious sphere of service, and have entered upon that "rest that remaineth for the people of God."

THOMAS W. MELLICHAMP.

This faithful man of God passed away May 13, 1899, aged eighty years and twenty-four days. He was born in the city of Charleston and grew up under the preaching of such men as Richard Furman, Basil Manly, Sr., Wm. T. Brantly, Jr., and had as his early friends such men as Jas. P. Boyce, J. L. Reynolds, Basil Manly, Jr., Wm. Royal, H. A. Tupper, Sr., J. K. Mendenhall, the Whildens of precious memory, and many others who went out from that church to bless the State and many other portions of our land. He was converted at fourteen years of age, and entered the ministry when twenty-six years old. The presbytery that assisted at his ordination was composed of Richard Furman, Noah Graham, and T. Adams. He attended the Furman Theological Institute at Winnsboro, and began his pastoral life at High Hills church in Sumter county. He preached in many portions of the State and was pastor of many churches in Sumter, Richland, Orangeburg, Kershaw, Fairfield, and other counties. He ended his work as pastor of the church where he began more than fifty years before. He was a faithful minister of the Word, and his life was a beautiful commentary upon it, so that it might have been truly said of him, he was a "living epistle, known and read of men."

A very good and appreciative sketch of him appeared in The Baptist Courier of July 27, accompanied by a faithful likeness, both of which are worthy of permanent preservation.

REV. JOHN S. CROXTON.

This faithful servant of God was stricken in his pulpit while in the midst of his sermon, Sunday, May 21, and died May 24, in the sixty-eighth year of his age.

Bro. Croxton was born in Lancaster District, May 6, 1831 He was converted in his eighteenth year, and was baptized into the fellowship of Fork Hill church, October 8, 1848. He was licensed to preach by the same church soon after, and was ordained to the Gospel ministry Jan. 8, 1862. He studied under Rev. Peter Nicholson during 1860 and 1861, but the outbreak of the war put an end to his school days, and he was compelled to enter the ministry without a collegiate training. In 1874 he attended the Seminary in Greenville for some months, and received great benefit from his course of studies, and from association with its professors, Drs. Broadus, Williams, Toy, and Whitsitt. He also formed

the acquaintance of a number of men who were afterwards co-laborers with him in the ministry, and the respect and confidence with which he was held by his brethren in the Seminary increased during all the following years of their work together.

Bro. Croxton was one of the leaders of the Baptists in the State. He was the moderator of his association for twenty-five years, and vacated his office by death. He was also the president of the South Carolina Baptist Ministers' Conference at the time of death, and had frequently presided over that body in former years. He had also served on the Board of Trustees for Furman University, and on the Board of Ministerial Education, and his services in all these positions of honor and trust were characterized by faithfulness and efficiency.

As a preacher he was earnest, faithful and instructive, and the people heard him with great delight. Many souls were led by him to Christ, and he was instrumental in doing a great work in his association for religious benevolence, and education. He was a progressive man, and attended the gatherings of the Baptists of the State and our Southland that he might keep in touch with all that was good, and thus give to his people the opportunity of sharing with their brethren in every good work.

Bro. Croxton married Miss Eliza Jane Caston February 13, 1854, and to them were born thirteen children, eight of whom are living, and one of whom is following in his father's steps as a minister of the Word.

REV. JOHN D. ROBERTSON

Died August 4, 1899. Bro. E. S. Reaves, who knew him well, writes thus of him:

The subject of this sketch was born in Chatham county, Va., 1869. In his early youth his father moved to Iredell county, N. C. It was here that the boy grew to manhood's years. While yet in his teens he made a profession of religion, joined a Baptist church, and soon began to prepare himself for the Gospel ministry. In the fall of 1890, he entered Wake Forest College, where he remained as student till June 1894, when he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree. In October of the same year he entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and after three year's work was made a Master of Theology graduate of that institution June, 1897. In 1895 he was ordained at Forks of Elkhorn church, Woodford county, Ky., and served this church as pastor while a student in the Seminary. In June, 1897, he entered upon his work as pastor at Rock Hill, S. C., where he continued to labor most acceptably until called to his final reward on August 4th, 1899, while spending a short vacation with friends in Kentucky.

As citizen, friend, preacher and pastor he was held in highest esteem by all who knew him. His friends were many and of all classes, for he ever showed himself friendly. As preacher he was sound, clear and strong, ever growing in power and favor with the people. As pastor he knew how to sympathize with his people and was greatly loved and hon-

ored by them. Free from all cant and hypocrisy, his bearing among men was easy and natural. His faith was strong and his life pure and clean. He was a thoroughly good man and an earnest, devout Christian.

REV. LUD VAUGHAN.

This estimable brother died at Greers, Greenville county, July 18, aged seventy-seven years. He labored faithfully as a minister of Jesus Christ, mainly in Greenville county, and his labors were signally blessed to the conversion of souls. He died as he had lived, very greatly beloved and respected for his Christian character.

REV. W. J. DOWELL.

Brother Dowell was born in Barnwell county, and was about thirty-eight years old at the time of his death. He was a minister in the Methodist denomination of South Carolina for about thirteen years. In 1898 he, after long consideration of the points of difference between the Baptists and Methodists, came to a final decision in favor of the Baptists and was baptized in Pelzer by Rev. W. T. Tate. He was ordained as a Baptist minister March 19th, 1899, in the city of Columbia, the presbytery consisting of brethren A. C. Osborn, W. C. Lindsay and R. N. Pratt. He became pastor of the Southside and New Brookland churches soon after, under the auspices of the State Mission Board. His career as a Baptist minister was cut short by death within a few months after his ordination in the city of Columbia during the summer of 1899.

REV. TILMAN R. GAINES.

This brother died in Columbia, November 13th. The following sketch of him is taken from The Baptist Courier of November 16:

"Rev. Tilman R. Gaines died in Columbia, November 13th. He had been in failing health for several years, and for the past few months he was quite an invalid. Bro. Gaines was born in Greenville county October 27, 1834, and was a few days over sixty-five years of age. He attended Furman University and graduated with the degree of A. B. in the class of '60. He attended the Theological Seminary in Greenville in 1861. He was in the Confederate service 1861-63, part of the time under Col. C. J. Elford and for a while chaplain of the Third Regiment. After the war he was pastor of Antioch church, York county, and afterwards became pastor at Yorkville. While at Yorkville he established the Working Christian, now The Baptist Courier. He was editor and proprietor of the paper from 1869 to 1873, when he sold it to Capt. C. M. McJunkin. He then became connected with the Immigration Bureau and was engaged in this for several years until 1886. He was connected with other publications, the Working Man, the Southern Herald, the Statebuilder, the South Atlantic Monthly, and the Lyceum. He was an enthusiast on the subject of bringing settlers into the State, believing

that in this way a desirable class of laborers could be brought into the South, thus promoting the material development of this section of the country. He was a man of energy and plans, and if his plans were not always the most practicable and popular, he evidently was sincere and had at heart the good of the people of his native State.

HON. JOHN EARLE BOMAR.

This beloved brother died at Spartanburg, February 3, 1899 It is perhaps significant of the character of the deceased that he contracted the disease (la grippe) of which he died at the snow-covered grave of his departed wife. It was the anniversary of her death, and he lingered too long at the grave of the noble woman who had been his companion in joy and sorrow for more than forty years.

Bro. Bomar was a man blessed of God in his birth. He was the only son of Elisha Bomar and Amareyllis Earle, who were pioneer Baptists in Spartanburg, and he grew up in the enjoyment of all that can be found in friends and comfortable circumstances. He obtained his education at the Citadel Academy and Due West College. His father died in 1836, while his son was a lad of eight or nine years of age, but his mother looked after his education, and he entered upon life well equipped for its duties.

He was a man whom his fellowmen delighted to honor. During his long life of over seventy years he filled many positions of trust, from the humblest fiduciary relations to that of District Judge. For many years he was Ordinary under the old system, and during the war he was an officer in the Holcombe Legion and saw active service on the tented field. After the war he was a member of the Legislature and trustee of the schools of his native town, for Kennedy Library and the Cooper-Limestone Institute. It is a fact not known to many, but nevertheless a fact, that it was chiefly through his efforts and influence that the Limestone College, of which the Baptists are proud, became the property of the denomination of this part of the State.

He never sought honor, but rather shrank from public view with a modesty that obscured his great worth from those who did not know him well. But those who knew him well knew that he was one of the noblest, purest, most consecrated men that this or any other country ever produced. A nobler soul never lived; no purer-minded gentleman; in his profession he was faithful and disinterested; as a citizen he was loyal and ready for every duty. His style of manhood and character was very similar to that of his friend, the well-known and lamented B. W. Edwards, former President of this Convention.

He left a large family, who were trained in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord," and who pay the highest tribute of respect, reverence and affection that they possibly could by walking according to his teaching and example. He left a large circle of friends who mourn his

departure, but rejoice in the inheritance he left them, viz., a noble example and an untarnished name.

"His life was gentle
And the elements so mixed in him
That nature might stand up and say,
This was a man."

BRO. GEORGE G. WELLS.

Capt. George G. Wells died in Greenville April 11th, aged 60 years. He was born and reared in Greenville, and spent his life there, barring his absence during his school days and while in the war. He was educated at Furman University and the Citadel Academy. He taught for a time in Washington and Lee University. He served through the war and was captain of his company at the surrender. He studied law under Gov. B. F. Perry and rose to prominence in his profession. He was successful in life, and was a most useful man in society and in religious work. He was a deacon of the First Baptist church in Greenville, and was for years superintendent of this Sunday school. He was for many years trustee of Furman University and was a valuable counselor in its deliberations.

BRO. W. E. COTHRAN.

Bro. W. E. Cothran died at his home in Greenwood, November 19, in the sixty-third year of his age. He was born in Abbeville county February 6, 1837, was graduated from the Citadel in 1858, was married to Miss Chiles about the close of the war.

He was Captain of Co. C, 7th Regt. of S. C. Vol. and was twice wounded in battle, once at Harper's Ferry in 1862, when Stonewall Jackson captured that city on the eve of the battle of Sharpsburg.

He was for several years clerk of the Abbeville Association and was highly esteemed by his brethren as an earnest, sincere and useful Christian gentleman. In 1897 he was elected to the office of Judge of Probate of Greenwood county, which office he held at the time of his death. He left a family of eight sons and three daughters.

JNO. CHAPPELL MAXWELL, M. D.

Dr. Maxwell was born in Mississippi, November 10, 1837, his parents having moved there from Newberry county, S. C., in 1830. While he was still a small child, they moved back to Newberry county, where he was reared. In 1856 he graduated at Erskine College, Due West, Abbeville county; and, in 1859, he received his diploma in medicine from the University of Pennsylvania. When our Civil War broke out, he volunteered as a private in the 2d South Carolina Regiment. Soon made 1st lieutenant, he was in command of his company in several battles. It was not long before he was appointed surgeon of his regiment; and, in that posi-

tion, he served to the close of the war. After the war, he settled in Greenwood, to practice medicine. There he at once took front rank, and held it till he died, August 12th, 1899. From 1876 to 1886, he served Abbeville county in the Senate of South Carolina. During that entire period, he was a very influential factor in the political life of the State. Dr. Maxwell was a man of bright intellect, tender heart, and strong will. In all these respects, he was exceptional. In his religious convictions he was an uncompromising Baptist. For the Baptist church of his town, for the children, and for the poor, there was in his large heart a specially warm and tender corner.

Dr. Maxwell's name will endure longest upon earth in connection with the Connie Maxwell Orphanage. He and Mrs. Maxwell had arranged that their property, after their death, should be devoted to the education of worthy poor girls. When, however, the Baptist denomination in South Carolina determined to establish an Orphanage, those friends of the needy concluded so to change their plans as to put their property down as the foundation of such an Orphanage. They made the offer to the denomination, and it was accepted; and Connie Maxwell Orphanage, named for their deceased little daughter, was the result.

It was fitting that Dr. Maxwell's name should thus go down to posterity, because in this noble charity the leading traits of his noble character are exhibited and embalmed—his love for children and his kindness to the needy.

Report on Temperance.

It is not easy to exaggerate the evils of intemperance or to be too severe in strictures against the liquor traffic. So great is the evil that sober language seems intemperate and the most judicious presentation of the subject may be thought fanatical. The liquor traffic costs every citizen of the republic more than $15 per annum, simply to maintain this vice-breeding institution. It cost last year the people of the United States $2.84 each to maintain the common school system to educate our children, and during the same period we pay more than $15 each to destroy them through the godless saloon.

During fifty years past drunkenness, estimated by the liquor consumed, has increased nearly four times as rapidly as the population, while crime has increased five times as rapidly. It is believed by some that this growth if continued through fifty years would destroy our civilization and free institutions. The liquor traffic is unfriendly to all that we as Christians are toiling and striving to attain, and to all that we hold sacred. It breeds immorality, it renders manhood effeminate, it corrupts the public conscience, it is the bane of happy homes, and it is the unrelenting foe of the kingdom of Christ.

The true and intelligent friends of temperance may be divided into two classes. (1) Those who labor to regulate the liquor traffic. (2) And those whose one aim it is to suppress the mammoth evil.

1. The regulators are firmly convinced of the nature of the evil and

would like to see this crime-hatching institution swept from the face of the earth and cast into outer darkness whither it is sending its ill-fated victims, but thinking this great boon impracticable they are trying means for its control.

One method of circumscribing the liquor traffic advocated by some is *high* license. This method of restriction includes various efforts at control along with the license, such as the "Court or Quarter Sessions" of the "Brooks law" in Pennsylvania, but after all the high license feature is the important characteristic. At the first blush this system would seem to possess some advantages, but on close inspection these are found to be specious and not real. But few of the genuine friends of temperance reform are found in this class. Miss Willard said that the only high she favored in temperance legislation was that found in the second syllable of the word pro-hi-bition. High license entails all the vast, seductive, delusive and nefarious charms of the gilded barroom.

It is a noteworthy fact that wellnigh all the opponents of prohibition, including the liquor dealers, their organs and associations, prefer high license to low license or no license.

Another effort toward regulation of the liquor traffic is the dispensary. This system posseses many and potent advantages over the open barroom. This can be said in all sincerity with but scant praise for the dispensary. Still, for if the devil did not invent the open barroom himself, it may be doubted, whether with all his recognized ingenuity, he is capable of improving on that diabolical machine for his own purpose of destruction. Let us hope that the saloon is gone forever from our fair State.

It is not necessary to enumerate the many advantages which the dispensary possesses over the open bar. They are well known and their relative value cordially recognized. Let us be slow to surrender to many of the foes of the dispensary who are also foes of temperance. Let us hold on to this system of controling the hugh evil until something better is in sight, and its operation feasible.

Yet all must admit that as a temperance agency and movement the dispensary system is sadly defective and justly open to grave criticisms. With its many good features it is still a vast instrument of evil. The South Carolina dispensary deals out over a million dollars worth of liquor to our citizens annually. Think of that! In thirty-three months the State made nearly a million dollars profit out of this awful traffic. Now, in the very nature of the case, those who are managing such an immense enterprise must put forth efforts to make the affair a business success. A most fatal argument against the system is that it seems to smirch the characters of most of the men who enter the business. There should be good men to do this work. So it comes to pass that our unnatural mother, South Carolina, is tempting her children to go to their own ruin.

Again. Now honestly do we want our children educated with this blood money? There is reported as amount turned over to school fund from proceeds of dispensary up to date $395,690.46. The net profit for

school fund from sales of 1898 is the large sum of $156,809.61. Our children know how we are getting this money for their education. The argument that it is not right to regulate a wrong rather than to suppress it, while not unanswerable, has great weight. You remember Burke's famous maxim, "What is morally wrong can never be politically right." Probably there are but few to doubt that this mammoth institution not only offers the opportunity to be used as a powerful machine of political corruption, but also that already it has been so used.

2. The other method of dealing with the liquor traffic is prohibition. This system has some disadvantages, but it would seem that, at least, they are difficulties inherent in the very nature of this gigantic curse rather than in the system itself. Many of the adverse criticisms are not sustained by the facts. If is not proven that the prohibition of the sale of liquor is injurious to general commercial interests. On the contrary there are abundant facts which not only serve to rebut these charges, but go far toward the establishment of the opposite proposition, namely, beneficial results of prohibition to trade and general prosperity. Nor is the case made out that prohibition is an impracticable measure on the ground that it cannot be enforced. There is much high authority to prove that prohibition does prohibit and that it can be enforced as successfully as can many other laws. The advantages of prohibition as a temperance measure are numerous and noble. It is an obligation of a high order which the State owes to her citizens. Gladstone says: "It is the duty of the government to make it easy for the people to do right and difficult for the people to do wrong." Would there not be a beautiful poetic righteousness in our whole people turning back now to respect that vote of ten thousand majority cast for prohibition in 1892, which has been ignored practically for almost a decade of years; and, in which manifest subversion of their expressed wishes so many noble citizens have yielded a patriotic and patient acquiescence, unparalleled in the annals of human history in the case of any free and sovereign people?

It is highly probable that in the near future all the true friends of temperance reform in our State will stand side by side on the elevated platform of prohibition, that shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart, they may present a solid front in assailing the foe of our country, our firesides and our altars.

Respectfully submitted. DAVID M. RAMSEY, for Com.

[NOTE. The above report is published by special permission at request of mover of the substitute, in view of the fact that a recommittal was found to be impracticable, such being desired to eliminate a few sentences in conflict with the substitute, which see. SEC.]

Report of Convention Treasurer.

ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Treasurer, in account with the South Carolina Baptist State Convention:

1898.	Dr.	
Dec.	By following collections during session of Convention at Darlington:	
	Alumni Hall, Furman University	$ 15 00
	Students' Fund, Southern Bap. Theol. Seminary	47 82
	State Missions	33 70
	Memorial church, St. Georges	22 91
	Aged Ministers' Relief Fund	21 73
	Jenkins Orphanage	8 77
Nov. 20, 1899.	Mrs. Mary B. Pressley, executrix estate B. C. Pressley, in full of final dividend on legacy of one thousand dollars, for use and benefit of Connie Maxwell Orphanage	11 84
	Total	$ 161 77

1898.	Dr.	
Dec.	Paid B. Rutledge, Treasurer	$ 15 00
	E. C. Dargan, Treasurer	47 82
	T. M. Bailey	33 70
	J. H. Stoudenmire	22 91
	C. C. Brown	21 73
	D. J. Jenkins	8 77
Nov. 20, '99.	J. L. Vass	11 84
	Total	$ 161 77

Respectfully submitted. ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Treas.

Gaffney, S. C., Nov. 29, 1899.

Sunday Services.

Convention Hall: 9.30 A. M., Sunday School Addresses by L. M. Rice and W. E. Thayer; 11.00 A. M., E. Y. Mullins; 7.30 P. M., D. M. Ramsey.

Presbyterian Church: 11 A. M., E. J. Forrester; 7.30 P. M., R. N. Pratt.

Limestone Baptist Church: 11 A. M., A. C. Wilkins.

Buford Street Methodist Church: 11 A. M., Rufus Ford.

Second Baptist Church: 11 A. M., T. H. Plemmons; 7.30 P. M., W. E. Johnson.

Providence Baptist Church: 11 A. M., C. L. Dowell.

First church, Spartanburg: 11 A. M., O. L. Martin; 7.30 P. M., H. C. Buchholz.

Green Street Baptist church, Spartanburg: 11 A. M., and 7.30 P. M., Rev. J. T. Littlejohn.

Pendleton Street Baptist church, Greenville: 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M., J. B. Parrott.

Greers Baptist church: 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M., J. A. Brown.

Converse College: 11 A. M., E. E. Bomar.

Gastonia Baptist church: L. C. Hinton.

Mt. Paren Baptist church. 11 A. M., J. B. Bozeman.

COLORED CHURCHES.

Limestone Baptist church: 11 A. M., A. C. Osborn; 7.30 P. M., C C. Brown.

Bethel Baptist church: 11 A. M., J. L. Ouzts; 7.30 P. M., J. F. McMillan.

Methodist church: 11 A. M., W. M. Pinson; 7.30 P. M., J. D. Huggins.

MEETING HOUSES DEDICATED, 1898–9.

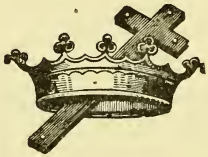
Arkwright, Spartanburg County, May 28, 1899.
Latta, Marion County, December 25, 1898.
New Prospect, Anderson County, July 16, 1899.
Rock Hill, Oconee County, —— ——, 1898.
Sally, Aiken County, December 25, 1898.
Second Church, Union, March 12, 1899.
West Springs, Union County, September 3, 1899.

CHURCHES ORGANIZED, 1898-'9.

Bermuda, Marion County, October 27, 1899.
Converse, Clifton Mills No. 3, ———, 1898.
Immanuel, Marion County, ———, 1899.
Port Royal, May 21, 1899.
Fairmont, Spartanburg County.

MINISTERS ORDAINED, 1899.

C. B. Avery, Lewiedale, June 8.
W. J. Dowell, Southside Church, Columbia, March 19.
W. B. Fallaw, Gaston, May 14.
C. H. Fry, Tatum, July 26.
F. H. Funderburk, Spring Hill Church, Lancaster County, April 9.
P. B. Lanham, Republican Church, Edgefield County, July 2.
John B. Long, Pine Forest, Aiken County, January 1.
E. A. Miles, Welcome Church, Greenville County, January 15.
J. E. Steele, Lexington, September 24.
L. B. White, Johnston, October 22.
W. H. Whitehead, Sardis Creek, Florence County, September 24.



MINISTERS DECEASED, 1899.

John S. Croxton, Heath Springs, Lancaster Co., May 24, aged 68.

W. J. Dowell, Columbia, June 16, aged 38.

John Faile, Flat Creek, Lancaster County, July 25, aged 73.

Tilman R. Gaines, Columbia, November 13, aged 65.

B. F. Garrett, Barksdale, July ——, aged 80.

T. W. Mellichamp, Ridgeway, May 13, aged 80.

J. D. Robertson, Danville, Ky., August 4, aged 30.

Lud Vaughan, Greers, July 18, aged 77.

GENERAL CHURCH STATISTICS, 1899.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Ordained Ministers.	Churches.	Increase. By Baptism.	Increase. By Letter.	Increase. By Restoration.	Decrease. By Letter.	Decrease. By Exclusion.	Decrease. By Death.	Total Membership.	CONTRIBUTIONS. State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.	Miscellaneous.	Aggregate.	Value of Church Property.
Abbeville	15	22	100	59	4	88	8	15	2054	$ 330 23	$ 139 79	$ 392 87	$ 152 55	$ 222 42	$ 73 64	$ 6378 97	$ 7690 47	$ 37250
Aiken	13	30	121	38	30	82	31	44	2773	220 63	166 64	228 56	10 00	71 80	26 17	4233 16	4956 96	22550
Barnwell	12	38	128	82	28	70	59	69	4031	239 62	270 84	349 57	88 49	245 67	137 85	1798 77	3030 81	29650
Beaverdam	15	38	108	121	5	103	61	20	2830	230 94	61 52	94 74	62 71	55 29	142 48	2976 46	3524 14	14600
Broad River	20	39	295	229	18	196	52	63	6012	286 71	54 99	188 85	78 37	36 88	50 65	4321 42	4917 87	29800
Charleston	16	33	137	92	6	67	15	35	2720	341 53	342 43	802 69	281 95	110 15	183 83	12418 76	14481 34	135050
Chester	6	14	54	33	6	91	12	17	1563	230 85	233 60	345 38	84 80	122 60	66 92	3761 70	4845 35	26350
Chesterfield	7	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	1623	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6000
Colleton	9	22	146	39	26	41	15	22	2199	125 00	24 83	29 27	18 15	28 84	37 72	141 06	404 87	9100
Dorchester	6	9	19	2	3	5	1	4	400	5 20	1 29	70	.....	3 78	3 00	5 65	19 62	2135
Edgefield	8	17	45	54	6	68	7	25	2145	315 34	160 29	109 55	20 89	70 34	92 06	3785 10	4553 57	28700
Edisto	5	15	29	40	4	55	21	22	1663	73 18	32 91	50 05	1 00	34 17	21 35	1675 44	1888 10	9500
Fairfield	11	28	53	65	3	31	8	18	1591	164 81	49 81	173 47	17 75	43 65	52 15	5797 05	6298 69	52200
Florence	9	14	36	61	7	66	45	13	1608	216 30	67 52	165 44	112 73	70 11	37 39	2708 08	3377 57	30000
Greenville	25	30	153	244	17	212	35	54	4922	414 47	799 80	968 03	100 22	354 69	52 70	10455 58	13145 49	73640
Lake Swamp	3	6	13	13	6	11	12	2	352	7 00	4 50	11 80	.....	.....	.....	25 56	48 86	1400
Laurens	8	26	153	117	7	106	28	45	3098	397 91	184 98	358 41	38 99	201 29	89 58	5778 07	7049 23	34700
Lexington	12	22	69	40	4	51	3	10	1503	23 57	1 50	3 00	.....	2 50	1 20	311 50	343 27	11950
Moriah	6	27	174	124	82	131	60	29	3311	141 99	53 40	93 44	14 49	36 63	41 05	4017 34	4398 34	15000
North Greenville	25	31	158	81	18	138	45	56	4128	118 77	49 50	72 63	15 22	30 79	20 91	2250 17	2557 99	15000
Orangeburg	18	29	86	42	61	59	52	27	2909	146 63	67 75	119 43	65 87	51 73	71 09	3906 67	4429 17	56650
Pee Dee	13	38	81	111	15	135	100	60	3341	256 88	147 60	297 91	434 83	99 55	98 23	7530 72	8865 72	53350
Piedmont	11	20	86	77	6	64	87	32	1935	55 02	20 16	53 14	.....	47 54	32 20	1141 40	1349 10	9920
Reedy River	6	13	42	75	4	33	3	9	952	235 25	82 41	297 70	13 58	100 82	47 77	4437 01	5214 54	17000
Ridge	14	20	89	70	13	72	33	31	2930	331 89	271 19	508 63	472 68	178 65	133 14	5266 39	7162 57	32000
Saluda	22	37	309	236	22	242	40	63	6004	784 10	761 57	1408 79	168 17	674 62	188 98	11984 24	15970 47	63420
Santee	15	29	91	82	35	100	59	28	2869	514 74	359 17	434 37	381 29	492 12	171 27	6998 93	9351 89	39560
Savannah River	9	43	149	35	8	67	6	28	2392	289 67	84 23	225 33	84 08	124 75	64 54	3480 57	4303 17	32350
Southeast*	10	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	1921	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14285
Spartanburg	27	41	290	444	15	422	84	73	6771	787 98	401 95	876 75	432 85	431 85	138 06	14624 84	17694 28	64290
Twelve Mile River	31	36	145	97	18	123	42	28	3065	120 00	12 83	13 26	....	30 00	12 50	1150 00	1338 59	11800
Union County	7	20	60	46	4	39	26	20	1731	106 43	32 81	109 42	17 23	77 18	37 83	4384 88	4765 78	18600
Waccamaw	23	43	70	29	25	40	52	28	4342	20 80	75 91	125 00	.....	22 70	8 92	250 56	503 89	10300
Welsh Neck	10	20	65	106	13	61	10	29	2694	445 18	290 38	601 15	642 93	208 80	90 20	6267 36	8546 00	52000
York	3	13	42	45	2	84	7	16	1451	154 61	58 97	233 54	34 72	39 59	51 27	3733 04	4305 74	19300
Total	450	913	3596	3029	5.1	3155	1119	1035	195833	$8033 23	$5367 07	$9742 87	$3796 04	$432 150	$2176 65	$147996 09	$181433 45	$ 1082400

*No report. †Some churches make no report of membership.

Some Statistics of the Baptists in the United States.

[From American Baptist Year Book, 1899, and other sources.]

Associations, 1,633; ordained ministers, 28,409; churches, 42,893; baptisms, 203,296; total membership, 4,141,995; value of church property, $83,942,243.

Reported contributions: Missions, $1,071,455; education, $109,027; salaries and expenses, $9,685.149; miscellaneous, $1,069,817; aggregate, $11,927,851.

Sunday schools, 24,619; officers and teachers, 183 338; pupils, 1,726,693; Baptist charitable institutions, 34; value of property, $1 626,171.

Baptist educational institutions: Theological seminaries, 7; instructors, 71; ministerial students, 1,064; property, $2.022,662; endowment, $2 360,257; universities and colleges, 92; instructors, 1,565; students, 23,601; property, $22,728,760; endowment, $14,271,818; institutions for Negroes and Indians included in above, 13.

Academies, seminaries and institutes, 80; instructors, 604; students, 10,433; property, $1,265,158; endowment. $52,993; institutions for Negroes and Indians included in above, 21.

Baptist periodicals, 126; of which 74 are weekly.

The American Baptist Missionary Union has 459 foreign missionaries; 3,534 native helpers; 2,586 stations and outstations; communicants, 128,294; additions 7,575; income at home, $563.495; from the field, $118,583.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in May, 1899, reported 82 missionaries, 128 native helpers, 100 churches with 5,347 members, 140 outstations, 845 baptisms, 43 day schools with 1,165 pupils, 2,446 Sunday school pupils; contributions, $109 267.

The Home Mission Board reported 653 missionaries, 2,580 churches and stations, 6,552 baptisms, 194 churches constituted, 92 houses of worship built and 252 improved; 512 Sunday schools organized; contributions, $65,818, with $50,050 for building.

The Woman's Mission Societies of the Southern Baptist Convention reported $24,152 raised for Foreign Missions, and $36,696 for Home Missions, of which $14,129 was cash, and the balance in boxes.

The Baptist Young People's Union of America: John H. Chapman, President, Chicago; E. E. Chivers, D. D., Chicago, Secretary. The B. Y. P. U. of South Carolina reports 58 unions. A. T. Jamison, Camden, is Presipent; Will Evans, Columbia, Secretary.

BAPTISTS IN THE WORLD, 1898.

Ordained ministers, 33,553; churches, 50,143; baptisms, 242,646; membership, 4,910,456, which is 111,332 more than was reported last year.

BAPTIST EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN SOUTH CAROLINA,

NOVEMBER 15, 1899.

NAME.	LOCATION.	PRESIDENT.	Organized.	Instructors.	STUDENTS			Endowment.	Other Property.
					Male.	Female.	Total.		
Furman University	Greenville	A. P. Montague	1851	11	154	7	161	$ 80 000	$ 100 000
Greenville Female College	Greenville	M. M. Riley	1854	16	1	145	146	.....	20 000
Limestone College	Gaffney	Lee D. Lodge	1845	..	....	....	....	...	.....
Orangeburg College	Orangeburg	C. J. Owens	1894	11	109	46	155	.....	25 000
Welsh Neck High School	Hartsville	J W. Gaines	1894	6	80	85	155	.....	16 000
Total	.....	.....	.....	44	344	283	627	$ 80 000	$ 161 000

STATISTICS OF WOMAN'S MISSION SOCIETIES, 1899.

ASSOCIATIONS.	VICE PRESIDENTS, And their Post Offices.	Societies.	Membership.	CONTRIBUTIONS. State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Education.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Abbeville		14	219	$ 41 00	$108 18	$225 18	$ ..	$ ..	$ ..	$108 25	$482 61
Aiken		3	44	11 60	72 16	25 59	..	..	..	..	109 35
Barnwell		11	223	32 23	123 32	96 05	..	32 91	5 00	..	289 51
Beaverdam	Mrs. T. N. Carter, Westminster	11	151	17 45	22 94	18 46	..	22 91	..	..	81 76
Broad River	Miss Maggie Bates, Clifton	6	147	32 75	12 06	34 55	..	..	..	..	79 36
Charleston		11	..	..	100 25	41 75	..	..	..	..	142 00
Chester	Mrs. John White, Chester	9	171	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chesterfield		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Colleton	Mrs. B G. Price. Walteboro	..	...	..	.	.	...	.	..	..	..
Dorchester		.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edgefield	Mrs. M. B. Morgan, Parksville	8	109	22 53	4 35	19 10	..	..	..	..	45 98
Edisto	Miss Annie Sawyer, Sally	2	23	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..
Fairfield	Mrs. E. A. McDowell, Long Run	5	114	18 17	19 17	31 61	..	.	..	..	68 95
Florence		2	85	7 90	4 35	51 68	..	..	..	..	63 93
Greenville		12	320	104 90	317 15	246 02	.	..	..	...	668 07
Lake Swamp		...	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Laurens	Mrs. Joe. Watts, Laurens	15	350	51 40	52 66	112 57	..	.	..	..	216 63
Lexington	Miss Sue H. Corley, Lexington	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	..
Moriah	Miss Matilda Croxton, Kershaw	3	53	28 35	..	..	..	..	..	10 25	38 60
North Greenville	Miss Lizzie Earle, Gowensville	4	97	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orangeburg		7	108	5 25	5 25	27 85	..	..	..	.	38 35
Pee Dee	Mrs. W. L. Hayes, Marion	11	152	12 16	17 21	123 94	.	..	..	..	153 31
Piedmont	Miss Maggie Allgood, Equality	3	53	8 45	9 95	4 51	..	.	..	..	22 91
Reedy River		5	98	11 14	35 89	185 47	..	..	..	..	232 50
Ridge	Miss.Chloe Nicholson, Ridge Spring	9	191	75 73	122 18	134 89	52 00	31 96	..	..	416 76
Saluda	Mrs. O. K. Brazeale, Belton	18	499	73 21	185 06	253 26	7 03	..	2 51	61 77	582 84
Santee	Mrs. A. T. Jamison, Camden	13	224	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Savannah River	Mrs. T. O. Lawton, Estill	9	76	33 45	22 35	38 40	.	15 75	..	..	109 95
Southeast		...	..	..	.	..	..	.	..	..	..
Spartanburg	Miss Lila Budd, Gaffney	16	303	72 65	146 12	138 58	.	33 00	..	..	390 35
Twelve Mile River		..	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	..
Union County	Mrs. R. M. Lee, Sedalia	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	40 00	40 00
Waccamaw		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Welsh Neck	Mrs. C L. Dowell, Society Hill	12	250	68 42	100 87	279 91	..	..	..	..	449 20
York	Mrs. C. V. Blake, Rock Hill	9	132	43 40	22 55	66 01	..	..	..	..	131 66
Total		236	4207	$ 772 14	$1503 72	$2155 38	$59 03	$136 53	$7 51	$220 27	$4854 58

STATISTICS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS, 1899

ASSOCIATIONS.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	CONTRIBUTIONS. State Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.	Home Expenses.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Abbeville	22	145	1139	$ 9 20	$ 8 34	$ 38 81	$ 157 35	$ 3 99	$	$ 3 22	$ 220 91
Aiken	17	114	980	.....	.....	6 00	.....	....	....	....	6 00
Barnwell	23	175	1127	17 83	17 00	27 09	25 17	2 00	....	....	89 09
Beaverdam	25	171	1431	34 16	.....	7 51	22 19	....	....	....	63 86
Broad River	31	236	2594	13 90	.....	....	2 33	....	...	....	16 23
Charleston	24	243	1620	25 00	.....	....	.....	....	....	1080 67	1105 67
Chester	13	83	589	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Chesterfield*	12	71	602	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Colleton	25	79	674	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Dorchester	3	16	67	4 20	.....	....	.....	....	. ..	....	4 20
Edgefield	25	106	1007	12 74	21 94	17 24	34 61	....	....	....	86 53
Edisto	12	63	551	6 59	19 46	19 97	6 54	....	....	....	52 57
Fairfield	14	102	754	10 70	4 80	4 80	17 00	....	....	....	37 30
Florence	10	81	861	21 19	13 51	20 99	27 46	....	....	....	83 15
Greenville	24	242	2519	25 00	4 45	10 60	180 59	....	....	....	220 64
Lake Swamp	5	18	216	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Laurens	25	170	1440	33 50	25 00	36 32	64 16	.. .	....	....	158 98
Lexington	10	63	649	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Moriah	24	158	1624	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....
North Greenville	27	211	1939	27 34	20 52	19 18	5 89	....	....	....	72 93
Orangeburg	23	163	1395	1 00	7 94	8 50	.....	....	....	....	17 44
Pee Dee	30	199	1555	5 00	3 70	38 22	47 84	....	....	....	94 76
Piedmont	16	111	835	1 00	4 41	9 15	5 50	....	....	....	20 06
Reedy River	9	68	649	16 13	22 01	26 70	39 18	....	...	....	104 02
Ridge	18	134	1269	28 50	12 73	68 66	70 24	23 20	....	....	203 33
Saluda	34	341	3077	175 17	136 34	218 23	223 54	13 69	76 06	....	843 03
Santee	24	166	1264	.....	.....	...	.....	....	....	....	.....
Savannah River	20	116	723	3 86	3 25	6 73	.....	5 00	....	....	18 84
Southeast*	25	156	2058	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Spartanburg	41	306	3653	57 06	50 01	66 17	189 06	....	....	....	362 30
Twelve Mile River	25	134	1088	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Union County	17	101	976	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	10 22	10 22
Waccamaw	40	200	2000	... ..	.....	....	.... .	....	....	63 17	63 17
Welsh Neck	18	146	1340	68 80	54 60	62 69	119 41	....	....	297 50	603 00
York	11	81	681	20 20	19 49	5 73	7 37	....	....	52 79	105 58
Total	722	4069	44951	$ 618 07	$ 449 50	$719 29	$1245 44	$47 88	$76 06	$1507 57	$4663 81

*No report.

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Year.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	ASSISTANT SECRETARY.	PREACHERS.			
						Introductory.	Text.	Missionary.	Text.
1821	Columbia	Richard Furman		Abner Blocker					
1822	Fellowship	Richard Furman		Joseph B. Cook		Richard Furman	Psalm 122: 9		
1823	Edgefield	Richard Furman	Wm. B. Johnson	Basil Manly		Wm. B. Johnson	Mark 10: 15	Basil Manly	
1824	Coosawhatchie	Richard Furman	Wm. B. Johnson	Basil Manly		Wm. B. Johnson			
1825	Camden	Wm. B. Johnson	Benj. S. Scriven	Basil Manly		C. D. Mallory	Eccl. 9: 10	Rev. Mr. Graham	Zech. 6: 2, 3.
1826	Greenville	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly		Joseph B. Cook	John 13: 19	C. D. Mallory	
1827	Edgefield	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly		B. Manly	Acts 28: 15	W. B. Johnson	
1828	Minervaville	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly		William Dossey	Acts 2: 42	W. B. Johnson	Matt. 6: 10.
1829	Charleston	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly		J. Hartwell	Acts 7: 59	N. W. Hodges	
1830	Robertville	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly		J. B. Cook	Eccl. 9: 10		
1831	Mount Moriah	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly		J. Hartwell	Eph. 1: 7	B. Manly	Mark 6: 9.
1833	Society Hill	Wm. B. Johnson	Joseph B. Cook	Basil Manly		B. Manly	I Cor. 15: 58	S. Furman	Matt. 10: 8.
1833	Newberry	Wm. B. Johnson	William Dossey	Basil Manly		W. B. Johnson	Eph. 1: 10	B. Manly	John 4: 35.
1834	Barnwell	Wm. B. Johnson	William Dossey	Basil Manly		I. L. Brooks	Heb. 10: 24	R. Fuller	Luke 13: 7.
1835	Charleston	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	Basil Manly		N. W. Hodges	II Cor. 5: 7		
1836	Greenville	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	Basil Manly		H. D. Duncan	Mark 16: 29	J. M. Chiles	Matt. 24: 14.
1837	Edgefield	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	W. H. Brisbane		J. C. Furman	Heb. 12: 1, 2	R. Fuller	John 13: 31.
1838	Bethel	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. M. Chiles		Wm. B. Johnson	Gal. 6: 9, 10	N. W. Hodges	Isaiah 60: 1.
1839	Black Swamp	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. L. Reynolds		N. W. Hodges	Eph. 4: 30	W. Harper	Acts 9: 6.
1840	Sumterville	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. DuPre		Wm. B. Johnson	James 1: 17	A. Rice	Isaiah 9: 7.
1841	Society Hill	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. C. Furman		J. L. Reynolds	John 19: 5		
1842	Anderson	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. C. Furman		J. M. Chiles	II Cor. 5: 14	J. A. Lawton	Luke 15: 7.
1843	Flat Rock	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. C. Furman		J. O. B. Dargan	II Cor. 5: 14, 15		
1844	Darlington	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. C. Furman		Wm. B. Johnson	Col. 2: 6, 7	W. B. Johnson	
1845	Gillisonville	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	J. C. Furman		Wm. B. Johnson	Matt. 8: 20	J. C. Furman	Zech. 4: 10.
1846	Barnwell	Wm. B. Johnson	J. Davis	T. W. Haynes		J. S. Mims	Luke 10: 21	J. B. Taylor	I Tim. 1: 4.
1847	Beulah	Wm. B. Johnson		J. C. Furman		J. H. Cuthbert		I. L. Brooks	Prov. 11: 24.
1848	Greenville	Wm. B. Johnson	H. D. Duncan	J. C. Furman		R. Furman	II Tim. 4: 2		
1849	Edgefield	Wm. B. Johnson	H. D. Duncan	J. C. Furman		Prof. Edwards	Col. 2: 10	J. R. Kendrick	Matt. 6: 10.
1850	Pendleton	Wm. B. Johnson	H. D. Duncan	J. C. Furman		J. S. Mims	Phil. —	W. B. Johnson	Mark 16: 15.
1851	Society Hill	Wm. B. Johnson	J. R. Kendrick	J. C. Furman		J. R. Kendrick	Acts 9: 6	B. W. Whilden	
1853	Greenville	J. C. Furman	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley		J. J. Brantley	Psalm 133: 1	E. T. Winkler	Matt. 11: 3.
1854	Greenville	J. C. Furman	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley		W. B. Johnson	I Peter 5: 8, 9	J. R. Kendrick	Matt. 16: 30.
1855	Newberry	J. C. Furman	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley		R. Furman	II Cor. 11: 3	J. C. Furman	
1856	Greenville	Basil Manly	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley		J. H. Luther		J. C. Furman	
1857	Greenwood	J. L. Reynolds	Basil Manly	J. J. Brantley		Basil Manly		J. J. Brantley	
1858	Greenville	J. B. O'Neall	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley		J. C. Phelps	John 3: 8	J. M. C. Breaker	
1859	Sumter	J. B. O'Neall	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley		J. C. Furman	Acts 9: 31	R. Fuller	
1860	Greenville	J. B. O'Neall	J. G. Landrum	J. J. Brantley		J. J. Brantley	Mark 14: 8	E. T. Winkler	Luke 10: 234.,
1861	Spartanburg	J. B. O'Neall	J. G. Landrum	J. M. C. Breaker		J. M. C. Breaker	Matt. 5: 14	J. Huckins	
1862	Greenville	J. B. O'Neall	J. C. Furman	J. M. C. Breaker		J. C. Phelps	Job 7: 17, 8	L. R. Gwaltney	I Peter 2: 7.
1863	Darlington	J. C. Furman	T. P. Lide	J. M. C. Breaker		W. D. Rice	Psalm 116: 12	J. A. Chambliss	Rom. 1: 14.

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1864	Greenville	J. C. Furman	J. O. B. Dargan	J. M. C. Breaker		J. A. Chambliss	Matt. 26 : 41	J. O. B. Dargan	Psalm 67 : 1, 3.
1865	Cross Roads	J. C. Furman	Z. Watkins	B. Manly, Jr.		J. A. Broadus	James 1 : 5		
1866	Greenville	E. T. Winkler	J. O. B. Dargan	B. Manly, Jr.		B. Manly, Jr.	I Cor. 15 : 25.	M. W. Wingate	
1867	Anderson	E. T. Winkler	J. O. B. Dargan	B. Manly, Jr.		Wm. Williams	Heb. 12 : 1, 2	J. L. Reynolds	
1868	Newberry	J. L. Reynolds	J. O. B. Dargan	J. F. Morrall		J. Culpepper	II Cor. 9 : 13	T. R. Gaines	Rom. 1 : 18.
1869	Yorkville	J. L. Reynolds	J. O. B. Dargan	S. W. Bookhart		J. K. Mendenhall	Prov. 11 : 30	E. T. Winkler	Acts 11 : 4.
1870	Greenville	J. L. Reynolds	J. O. B. Dargan	O. F. Gregory		J. L. Reynolds		L. H. Shuck	I Sam. 4 : 13.
1871	Camden	J. P. Boyce	J. O. B. Dargan	O. F. Gregory	A. W. Lamar	J. L. Reynolds		J. G. Williams	Neh. 4 : 6.
1872	Darlington	J. C. Furman	J. O. B. Dargan	O. F. Gregory	A. W. Lamar	John Stout	Phil. 3 : 13, 14	J. C. Furman	III John 7.
1873	Columbia	J. L. Reynolds	J. K. Mendenhall	O. F. Gregory	J. B. Patrick	W. C. Lindsay	John 19 : 5	J. A. Broadus	Matt. 16 : 24.
1874	Chester	J. L. Reynolds	J. O. B. Dargan	J. B. Patrick	S. W. Bookhart	T. W. Smith	Heb. 6 : 1	J. B. Jeter	
1875	Spartanburg	J. L. Reynolds	J. G. Landrum	J. B. Patrick	O. F. Gregory	Luther Broaddus	Eph. 6 : 6	R. H. Griffith	Acts 13 : 2.
1876	Society Hill	John A. Broadus	R. Furman	O. F. Gregory	Z. Davis	W. H. Strickland	Phil. 4 : 4	R. Furman	
1877	Greenville	Richard Furman	B. W. Edwards	Luther Broaddus	E. B. Murray	C. C. Brown	Rom. 7 : 14, 5	R. Furman	
1878	Sumter	Richard Furman	B. W. Edwards	Luther Broaddus	E. B. Murray	W. J. Alexander	I John 3 : 2, 3	J. C. Hiden	
1879	Aiken	B. W. Edwards	T. P. Smith	Luther Broaddus	A. B. Woodruff	R. W. Sanders	Gal. 6 : 9	J. A. Chambliss	
1880	Camden	B. W. Edwards	T. P. Smith	Luther Broaddus	A. B. Woodruff	J. L. Vass	II Tim. 2 : 1	L. H. Shuck	Matt. 6 : 10.
1881	Anderson	B. W. Edwards	T. P. Smith	Luther Broaddus	A. B. Woodruff	B. G. Covington	Matt. 13 : 31–33	F. A. Douglas	John 4 : 35.
1882	Darlington	B. W. Edwards	T. P. Smith	Luther Broaddus	A. B. Woodruff	G. H. Carter	Matt. 9 : 37, 8	Lucius Cuthbert	Acts 16 : 9.

Year.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	ASSISTANT SECRETARY.	Convention Sermon.	Text.
1883	Charleston	B. W. Edwards	T. P. Smith	Luther Broaddus	A. B. Woodruff	Charles Manly	John 4 : 36.
1884	Marion	B. W. Edwards	T. P. Smith	Luther Broaddus	A. B. Woodruff	Chas. A. Stakely	I Cor. 1 : 23, 24.
1885	Greenville	James A. Hoyt	John Stout	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	G. B. Moore	Eph. 3 : 8.
1886	Columbia	James A. Hoyt	J. C. Furman	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	J. A. Mundy	II Tim. 2 : 2.
1887	Sumter	James A. Hoyt	J. C. Furman	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	J. C. Browne	John 17 : 3.
1888	Orangeburg	James A. Hoyt	E. C. Dargan, R. W. Sanders	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	E. J. Forrester	John 16 : 8.
1889	Florence	James A. Hoyt	E. C. Dargan, R. W. Sanders	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	C. P. Ervin	Eph. 5 : 15, 16.
1890	Union	James A. Hoyt	E. C. Dargan, R. W. Sanders	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	A. C. Wilkins	Isa. 53 : 3; Matt. 26 : 38.
1891	Spartanburg	James A. Hoyt	R. H. Griffith, W. D. Rice	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	J. W. Perry	John 14 : 21–23.
1892	Aiken	James A. Hoyt	R. H. Griffith, W. D. Rice	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	C. T. Scaife	Mark 14 : 3, 4.
1893	Anderson	James A. Hoyt	W. D. Rice, J. A. W. Thomas	A. J. S. Thomas	A. B. Woodruff	I. M. Mercer	Titus 2 : 11, 12, 13.
1894	Chester	R. W. Sanders	C. C. Brown, W. D. Rice	G. T. Gresham	A. B. Woodruff	W. T. Derieux	John 15 : 1–4.

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1895	Greenville.....	R. W. Sanders.....	W. D. Rice..... J. H. Hudson	G. T. Gresham.....	A. B. Woodruff...	J. H. Boldridge.....	Luke 17:21.
1896	Charleston.....	J. H. Hudson	Chas. Manly..... Jas. McIntosh.....	G. T. Gresham.....	C. P. Ervin.	C. S. Gardner.....	I John 1:1-3.
1897	Rock Hill,.....	J. H. Hudson.....	E. J Forrester ... C. T Scaife,.....	C. P. Ervin.....	A. T. Jamison ..	D. M Ramsey.....	Acts 11:23
1898	Darlington...	W. D. Rice.....	E. J Forrester... C. T. Scaife	C. P. Ervin.	A. T. Jamison....	E. E. Bomar.....	2 Peter 1:2-5.
1899	Gaffney	W. D. Rice.....	J. E. Brunson..... A. H. Patterson..	C P. Ervin.....	A. T. Jamison....	H. C. Buchholz.....	Phil. 2:5-8.

An extra session was held at Bush River church, April, 1855. Introductory, J. P. Boyce. Text, Acts 20 : 24.

CALENDAR OF ASSOCIATIONS, 1900.

Associations.	Moderator and His Post Office.	Clerk and His Post Office.	Place and Time of Next Meeting.
1. Abbeville	E. J. Forrester, Greenwood	V. Griffin, Bradley	Midway, Abbeville county, Tuesday, Aug. 28.
2. Aiken	J. C. Browne, Aiken	W. H. Kneece, Aiken	Town Creek, Aiken county, Tuesday, Oct. 9.
3. Barnwell	W. D. Rice, Denmark	W D. McMillan, Blackville	Bamberg, Bamberg county, Thursday, Oct. 25.
4. Beaverdam	D. W. Hiott, Seneca	J. W. Shelor, Walhalla	Pleasant Ridge, Oconee county, Tuesday, Aug. 7.
5. Broad River	J. D Bailey, Cowpens	S. M. Bagwell, Glendale	Gaffney, Cherokee county, Wednesday, Aug. 22.
6. Charleston	Simeon Hyde, Charleston	W. G. Wells, Tindal	Citadel Square ch., Charleston, Tuesday, Oct. 30.
7. Chester	H. C. Buchholz, Chester	A. P. McNeill, Lando	Chester, Chester county, Thursday, Nov. 1.
8. Chesterfield	D. T. Redfearn, Mt. Croghan	W. C. Baker, Mt. Croghan	Dudley, Chesterfield county, Thursday, Oct. 25.
9. Colleton	J. T. Hiers, Round	J. S. Griffin, Walterboro	Little Salkehatchie, Colleton co., Friday, Oct. 19.
10 Dorchester	F. M. Droze, Summerville	G. W. Dalton, Summerville	Limestone, Dorchester county, Thursday, Nov 8.
11. Edgefield	O. Sheppard, Edgefield	S. E. Freeland, Plum Branch	Horn's Creek, Edgefield, Co., Wednesday, Sept. 5.
12. Edisto	J. S McLemore, Springfield	J. C. Courtney, Kitching's Mill	Tabernacle, Aiken county, Friday, Oct 5.
13. Fairfield	H K. Ezell, Winnsboro	T. J. Rabb, Long Run	Pine Grove, Fairfield county, Thursday, Oct. 11.
14. Florence	J. E. Pettigrew, Florence	H. E. C. Fountain, Cartersville	Ebenezer, Florence county, Thursday, Nov. 8.
15. Greenville	D. T. Smith, Greenville	J. E Freeland, Chick Springs	Rocky Creek, Greenville county, Tuesday, Aug 14.
16. Lake Swamp			
17. Laurens	J. A. Barksdale, Laurens	J. B. Parrott, Clinton	Beulah, Laurens county, Tuesday, Sept. 25.
18. Lexington	D. J. Knotts, Swansea	W. B. Fallaw, Gaston	Brookland, Lexington county, Friday, Oct. 12.
19. Moriah	T. A. Dabney, Kershaw	W. S. L. Porter, Lancaster	Fork Hill, Lancaster county, Thursday, Oct. 11.
20. North Greenville	J. O. Wingo, Campobello	J. T. Henerey, Ansel	New Liberty, Greenville county, Thursday, Aug. 16.
21. Orangeburg	E. A Laird, Advance	W. R. Lowman, Orangeburg	St. George, Orangeburg county, Thursday, Oct. 18
22. Pee Dee	Rufus Ford, Bennettsville	J. L. Dew, Latta	Mullins, Marion county, Wednesday, Oct. 24.
23. Piedmont	A. W. Hudgens, Easley	J. Jameson, Guyton	George's Creek, Pickens county, Thursday, Aug. 2.
24. Reedy River	M. W. Rankin, Longshore	J. W. Blanton, Prosperity	West End, Newberry county, Friday, Sept 14.
25. Ridge	E. C. Ridgell, Batesburg	G. P. White, Johnston	Good Hope, Saluda county, Tuesday, Sept. 11.
26. Saluda	M. McGee, Honea Path	J. A. Robinson, Globe	First Creek, Anderson county, Tuesday, July 31.
27. Santee	T. V. Walsh, Sumter	C. C. Brown, Sumter	Mizpah, Sumter county, time to be fixed by Ex. Bd.
28. Savannah River	J. T. Morrison, Peeples	W. C. Bryan, Stillwood	Ellenton, Aiken county, Friday, Nov. 16.
29. Southeast	J. E. Brunson, Kingstree	W. L. Bass, Lake City	Cedar Grove, Thursday, Nov. 9.
30. Spartanburg	S. T. D. Lancaster	J. R. Aiken, Fair Forest	Bethlehem, Spartanburg county, Tuesday, Aug. 21
31. Twelve Mile River	W. C. Seaborn, Prater	C. E. Robinson, Pickens	Cheohee, Oconee county, Thursday, Oct. 11.
32. Union County	J A. Sawyer, Union	W. B. Crosby, Meador	Sulphur Springs, Union county Thursday, Aug. 30.
33. Waccamaw	H. M. Anderson, Finklea	J. L. Boyd, Michael	Iron Hill, Columbus co., N. C., Thursday, Nov. 15.
34. Welsh Neck	R. W. Lide, Darlington	C. L. Dowell, Society Hill	Hartsville, Darlington county, Tuesday, Nov. 6.
35. York	S. M. Grist, Yorkville	D. E. Boney, Rock Hill	Fort Mill, York county, Friday, Oct. 19.

MINISTERS' NAMES AND POST OFFICES.

Abbott, W. W., Seneca.
Abbott, Wilborn T., Seneca.
Ackerman, S. W., Round.
Ackerman, L B., Cottageville.
Aiken, J. R., Fair Forest.
Alexander, M.P., Cashers Valley, N.C.
Allen, J. M., Wares.
Allen, Joel I., Dillon.
Allen, H. M., Central.
Amaker, A. A., Knott's Mill.
Amaker, Adam, Advance.
Anderson, D. D., Adrian.
Anderson, W. L., Middle Saluda.
Askew, G. N., Blackville.
Atkinson, J. W., Spear.
Atkinson, S., Six Mile.
Atkinson, B. C., Central.
Atkinson, W., Columb'a.
Ayers, J. H., Greenville.
Ayres, J. I., Sumter.
Avant, John, Marion.
Avery, C. B., Lewiedale.

Baggott, H. L., Saluda.
Bailey, J. D., Cowpens.
Bailey, J. E., Tigerville.
Bailey, T. M., Greenville.
Baker, A. C., Plains.
Baldwin, D. H., Donalds.
Ballard, B. E, Reedy River Factory.
Barnes, J. E, Jeffery's Creek.
Barnett, J. L., Enoree.
Barton, O. C., Gowensville.
Bateman, J. J., Hartsville.
Baynard, C A., Jackson Station.
Bass, S. K., Silverton.
Beck, J. J., Anderson.
Bethea, H. C, Hagood.
Billings, C. M., Timmonsville.
Bishop, S., St. Matthews.
Bishop, J. W., Johnston.
Blackmon, R. J., Dwight.
Blanton, J. H., Blanche.
Blanton, J. W., Prosperity.
Blalock, P. P., Edgefield.
Boldridge, J. H., Lancaster.
Bolen, J. P. Ehney.
Bonner, A. J., Dexter.
Bostick, J. M., Bamberg.
Bowers, A. D., Highland.
Bozeman, J. B., Walterboro.
Bradford, C. G., Johnston.
Bridges, J. M., Gaffney.
Britton, W. G., Barnwell.
Brown, C. C., Sumter.
Brown, E. Z., Fairdeal.
Brown, J. A., Due West.
Brown, Wm., Anderson.
Brown, W. L., Coronaca.
Browne, J. C., Aiken.
Bryant, S. A , Talley.
Buchholz, H. C., Chester.
Buist, A., Blackville.
Bundick, Geo. C., Beaufort.
Burton, N. N., Batesburg.
Burton, G. H., Longmires'.
Burts, C. E., Blackville.
Burts, R. W., Honea Path.
Bussey, G. W., Pelzer.
Buyck, A. S., McCarters.

Cains, J. T., Board Landing.
Cains, S. J., Daisy.
Cains, W. R., Finklea.
Campbell, C. W., Pelzer.
Campbell, T. J., Gaffney.
Cannada, W. H., Chick Springs.
Cantley, J. C, Summerville.
Carnes, S. C., Taxahaw.
Carson, J. A., Saluda.
Carter, A. W., Leon.
Carter, J. G., Gaffney.

Carroll, L. T., Columbia.
Case, C. C., Tucapau.
Catoe, S. I., Mt. Croghan.
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Vinson, R. J., Westminster.

Warren, P. W., Stokes.
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Weldon, L. T., Chick Springs.
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White, L. B., Johnston.
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Whitehead, W. H., Lyra.
Whitmire, A. S., Table Mountain.
Wilkins, A. C., Batesburg.
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Williams, J. M., Clover, N. C.
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CONSTITUTION.

We, the representatives of the constituent bodies of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina, do agree upon the following articles as forming the Constitution of the Convention, and as the basis of the union :

ARTICLE I.

This body shall be styled the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina.

ARTICLE II.

The comprehensive purpose of the Convention shall be : The union of the Baptists throughout the State in efforts to advance the kingdom of Christ in the world.

The Convention will claim no right to lord it over God's heritage, believing that the right of government, under Christ, is vested in the churches themselves.

ARTICLE III.

Special objects fostered by the Convention, as tending to accomplish its comprehensive purpose, shall be : The preaching of the Gospel in destitute portions of the State ; the work of Colportage, including distribution of God's Word and approved Christian literature ; the interests of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Sunday Schools, and Temperance ; the work of Christian Education ; the maintenance of an Orphanage ; and the care of Aged Ministers and the families of deceased ministers.

ARTICLE IV.

The preaching of the Gospel in destitute portions of our own State and the work of Colportage, shall be known as State Missions, and shall be entrusted to an Executive Board, consisting of a President, a Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and an Auditor, who shall be Auditor of the Convention, and nine other members. This Board shall be appointed annually by the Convention, and the President of the Convention shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The Corresponding Secretary shall be the executive officer of the Board. The Board shall act under general direction of the Convention, and shall make an annual report to the Convention. The Treasurer shall make an annual report of receipts and disbursements. Besides the special objects entrusted to the Board, it shall also have authority to represent the Convention in all matters requiring attention while the Convention is not in session.

ARTICLE V.

Among special objects of the Convention, the support of an Institution of Learning in this State shall be considered as primary. The govern-

ment of the Institution shall be committed to a Board of Trustees who shall be appointed by the Convention in accordance with the charter of the Institution.

ARTICLE VI.

In addition to the Boards provided for in Articles IV and V, there shall be: A Board of Ministerial Education, to be appointed annually by the Convention, whose duty it shall be to gather funds to help needy and worthy young men while preparing for the ministry; a Board of Aged Ministers' Relief, to be appointed annually by the Convention, whose duty it shall be to gather funds for the assistance of Aged Ministers and the families of deceased ministers; a Board on Woman's Work, consisting of the Woman's Central Committee; and a Board of Trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage, to whom the entire management of the Orphanage shall be committed, subject to directions from the Convention, and one-third of whose number shall be appointed each year by the Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The Convention shall consist of delegates from the Baptist Associations in this State who may approve the measures here adopted, and from other religious bodies of the Baptist Denomination concerned in the promotion of the same objects with the Convention. Each Association shall be entitled to two delegates at large, and also to one delegate for each twenty-five dollars, contributed since the last session of the Convention, to State Missions; and any Baptist Church, Sunday School, Missionary or Education Society, or individual, shall be entitled to one delegate for each twenty-five dollars contributed as aforesaid, for the purpose named; provided that every such delegate shall be a white member of some Baptist church in the State. The delegates shall be chosen annually, and satisfactory evidence of their appointment shall, on demand, be exhibited to the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Covention shall have a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Statistical Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor. The duties severally assigned to the officers of similar organizations shall devolve on those of this body; and they shall hold their office for one year, or until their successors are appointed, unless forfeited by unrighteous conduct.

ARTICLE IX.

This Convention will receive contributions, legacies, and bequests for the several objects which it has in charge.

All moneys specially appropriated shall be sacredly applied to the objects designated; but when any contributions or bequests are made without any special designation, discretion in their application shall be exercised by the Convention or Executive Board.

ARTICLE X.

The Convention shall have annual meetings; but, in cases of important concern, the President may, at the instance of the Executive Board, call a special meeting.

ARTICLE XI.

Any alteration which experience may suggest can be made in these Articles by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

RULES FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

1. After prayer on the first day, the names of delegates shall be enrolled, officers shall be elected; and, when the body is organized, applications for membership from new bodies be decided on, and, if admitted, their attending delegates shall be received by the right hand of fellowship.

2. The meeting of the Convention shall be opened and closed each day of its session with prayer by the President, or by some person whom he shall request to perform the service.

3. The Minutes shall be read at suitable intervals, to the end that mistakes, if any shall have been made, may be corrected.

4. The following Stated Committees shall be appointed by the President early in each session to report during the session, viz.:

(1) A Committee of Five on Preaching during the Session.

(2) A Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting and Preacher for Convention Sermon.

5. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President at his convenience during each session, to report at the next session, viz.:

(1) A Committee of Five on Foreign Missions.

(2) A Committee of Five on Home Missions.

(3) A Committee of Five on Sunday Schools.

(4) A Committee of Five on Temperance.

(5) A Committee of Five on Order of Business.

(6) A Committee on Obituaries, consisting of one member from each Association, with the addition of a chairman, to gather, during the year, facts concerning deceased ministers and such others as have been distinctively active and useful in the work of the Convention, and to prepare suitable notices of them, to be reported at the ensuing session of the Convention.

6. Kerfoot's Parliamentary Law shall be the Standard for the conduct of the business of this Convention.

7. Any of the foregoing Rules may be suspended, at any meeting of the Convention, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Important Note for Clerks.

Associational Minutes or Reports should always give:

1. Estimated membership for churches not reporting.

2. The sum total under each column of statistics.

3. Pastors salaries, either separately or under Home Expenses.

4. A list, with name, time, and place, of (a) meeting houses dedicated, (b) churches constituted, (c) ministers ordained, and (d) ministers deceased.

A complete list of the names and postoffices of all ordained ministers, properly belonging to the Association, as distinct from pastors doing work therein.

And in order to insure expedition and fullness, reports should be sent to the Statistical Secretary as early after the meeting of the Association as possible, and, afterwards, always a copy of the Minutes.

Baptist Ministers' Conference of South Carolina.

THIRTEENTH YEAR.

The Conference met at Gaffney, Tuesday evening, November 28th, 1899. Devotional exercises were conducted by M. W. Gordon.

J. S. Jordan was elected President and J. A. Brown Secretary.

C. P. Ervin read a paper on, "Revised *versus* Other English Versions."

"Modern Biblical Criticism," was the subject of a paper by G. B. Moore.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises were led by the President.

A conversation on, "The Pastor in His Purchase of Books," was participated in by J. A. Brown, C. C Brown, J. D. Huggins, D. M. Ramsey, R. Ford and W. J. Langston.

A. C. Wilkins read a paper on, "What is Salvation?"

"How to Deal with Inquirers," was discussed by Jabez Ferris.

Exegesis and expository plan on James 5:14-20 was presented by E. J. Forrester.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Prayer by W. W. Jones.

"The Place of Hymns and Public Prayer in the Service," was discussed by J. D. Bailey. Remarks by L. C. Hinton.

F. O. S. Curtis led on "The Examination and Reception of Members," and was followed by B. F. Corley, R. Ford, J. E. Covington, N. N. Burton, J. B. Parrott, C. T. Scaife, F. C. Hickson.

"The Time-limit of Sermons," was discussed by R. W. Sanders.

A resolution against the seating in Congress of B. H. Roberts, offered by J. R. Aiken, was passed.

The committee on program for next year: J. E. Covington, C. P. Ervin, R. Ford, D. M. Ramsey, D. W. Key.

Adjourned.

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